

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2486
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2486, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the offense of terroristic threatening to cover threats of harm to property including pets and livestock.

The Hawaiian Humane Society, the Humane Society of the United States, and a concerned citizen testified in support of this measure. The Office of the Public Defender provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds based on testimony presented that the term "property" as used in section 707-715, Hawaii Revised Statutes, amended by this measure, already includes pets and livestock. Therefore it is unnecessary to specifically reference those terms in this measure.


Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the specific reference to pets or livestock from the bill; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon its approval.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2486, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2486, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



