

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2529

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2502  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2502 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the use  
of certain lethal methods for the control of animals.  
Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires dogs or cats that are captured or killed in a  
snare or trap to be reported to a county animal control  
officer;
- (2) Establishes an animal cruelty offense for the use of  
steel-jawed leg-hold traps or the use of snares,  
conibear, and foot- or leg-hold traps in residential or  
other prohibited areas;
- (3) Establishes the offense as a misdemeanor; and
- (4) Provides exemptions for activities carried out by state  
and federal agencies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Hawaiian  
Humane Society, the Maui Humane Society, the Nature Conservancy,  
Born Free USA, and one hundred private individuals. Testimony in



opposition to this measure was submitted by one private individual. One private individual submitted comments.

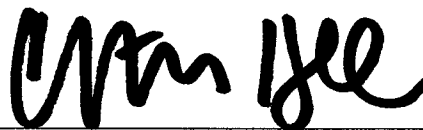
Your Committee finds that this measure allows for the use of appropriate tools to control feral animals, such as pigs, goats, sheep, deer, and wild cattle, where there is a potential for these animals to damage natural resource areas. At the same time, this measure establishes reasonable additional protections for pet animals in residential areas where they are most likely to be inadvertently caught if certain animal control tools are employed.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting the amendments suggested by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to additionally exempt activities carried out by authorized agents of state or federal agencies;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to ensure further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2502, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



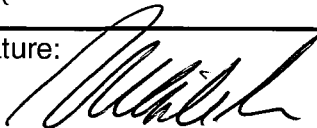
---

CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SPB 2502</i>	Committee Referral: <i>JDL</i>	Date: <i>2/10/12</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
<b>Distribution:</b> Original     Yellow     Pink     Goldenrod File with Committee Report     Clerk's Office     Drafting Agency     Committee File Copy				

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes