

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2503
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. 2503, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to add equine animals to those animals that may be subject to impoundment or forfeiture in the course of an animal cruelty case.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, The Humane Society of the United States, Hawaiian Humane Society, Hawaii Island Humane Society, CatFriends, and a plethora of concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the language on the award of attorney's fees and court costs;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2012; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 2503, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2503, 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



