

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.

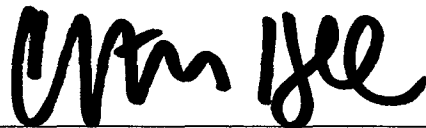
Your Committee finds that this measure allows for the use of appropriate tools to control feral animals, such as pigs, goats, sheep, deer, and wild cattle, where there is a potential for these animals to damage natural resource areas. At the same time, this measure establishes reasonable additional protections 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



