Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.B. No. 328

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 328, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the number of available rental options for tenants with pets by amending the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code to allow a landlord, as a condition of a rental agreement, to add to the security deposit an amount to compensate for damages caused by any animal allowed to reside in the premises.

The Hawai'i Association of REALTORS, Hawaiian Humane Society, The Humane Society of the United States and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. An individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission and a few individuals provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Specifying that security deposits shall not be used to compensate for damages caused by a service animal that is allowed to reside in a premises pursuant to a rental agreement;

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- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 328, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 328, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature



## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.:		Date:	03/70/7	1013
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)				
2. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. (VC)	V			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	t T			
4. BROWER, Tom	V			
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
6. CACHOLA, Romy M.	V			
7. CARROLL, Mele				V
8. EVANS, Cindy				
9. HAR, Sharon E.				
10. ITO, Ken				
11. LEE, Chris	V			
12. TSUJI, Clift	<i>i</i>			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	V			
14. MCDERMOTT, Bob				
15. THIELEN, Cynthia		:		
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TOTAL (15)	11		1	3
The recommendation is: Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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