

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 20, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2026
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2026, 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 protect dogs and cats by establishing the misdemeanor offense of cruelty to animals by slaughtering or trafficking dogs or cats for human consumption.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaiian Humane Society, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Save An Animal, Animal Rights Hawaii, and a number of concerned individuals supported this bill. The Humane Society of the United States and Pacific Pet Alliance supported this measure with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by, among other things:

- (1) Specifying that the offense covers pet animals, rather than just dogs and cats, and making conforming amendments;
- (2) Clarifying that other laws may be applicable to the circumstances relating to the offense established by this bill;



- (3) Exempts from the offense, the lawful slaughter of animals as permitted by the Department of Agriculture; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2026, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2026, 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 Agriculture,


JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives **HSCR 1081-14**
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2026 SDI	Committee Referral: AGR, JUD	Date: 3/13/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOOLEY, Jessica (C)	/			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen		/		
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.			/	
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
7. OHNO, Takashi	/			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		/		
9. TSUJI, Clift			/	
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
11. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (11)	7	2	2	
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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