

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2046

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2026

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2026 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  
slaughtering or trafficking of dogs or cats for human consumption.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and  
County of Honolulu, The Humane Society of the United States,  
Hawaiian Humane Society, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Oahu Society  
for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, West Hawaii Humane  
Society, and thirty individuals.

Your Committee finds that despite the enactment of several  
animal cruelty offenses in Hawaii, local humane societies, law  
enforcement agencies, and animal protection groups continue to  
receive reports of dogs and cats being trafficked or slaughtered  
for human consumption. Some of these cases involved dogs and cats  
that were stolen or lost or acquired via online advertisements.  
Unlike existing federal and state laws that regulate farm animals  
that are bred and sold for consumption, the United States  
Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Department of Agriculture do  
not recognize or regulate the slaughter or sale of dogs and cats  
for human consumption. This measure strengthens Hawaii's animal  
cruelty laws by creating the offense of cruelty to animals by  
slaughtering or trafficking dogs or cats for human consumption.

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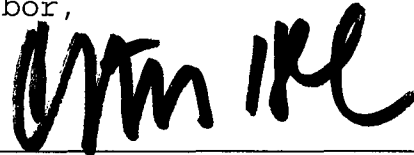


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting the language suggested by the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu that amends the definition of "pet animal" under chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to apply to any dog or cat rather than only dogs or cats that are not bred for consumption; and
- (2) 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. 2026, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2026, 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,



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



