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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that close emotional  
2 bonds are formed between animals and people, their families, and  
3 their friends. Animals may be domestic pets, service dogs  
4 trained to perform tasks for those with disabilities, or other  
5 animals that assist law enforcement officers in the performance  
6 of their duties. Violence against animals is linked to violence  
7 against people and laws that protect animals should be  
8 vigorously enforced.

9           The legislature finds that section 711-1110, Hawaii Revised  
10 Statutes, authorizes an agent of a society for the prevention of  
11 cruelty to animals to arrest a person who violates section 711-  
12 1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the offense of  
13 cruelty to animals in the second degree. The legislature  
14 believes that the arrest powers bestowed upon these agents  
15 should be expanded to authorize arrests for violation of  
16 additional statutes to provide greater protection for animals.



1           Specifically, this Act authorizes an agent of a society for  
2 the prevention of cruelty to animals to make arrests for  
3 violations of:

4           (1) Section 711-1109.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating  
5 to the offense of cruelty to animals by fighting dogs  
6 in the first degree;

7           (2) Section 711-1109.35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating  
8 to the offense of cruelty to animals by fighting dogs  
9 in the second degree;

10          (3) Section 711-1109.37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating  
11 to the offense of cruelty to animals by trapping;

12          (4) Section 711-1109.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating  
13 to the offense of causing injury or death to a service  
14 dog or law enforcement animal; and

15          (5) Section 711-1109.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating  
16 to the offense of intentional interference with the  
17 use of a service dog or law enforcement animal.

18          SECTION 2. Section 711-1110, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20          "**§711-1110 Relating to agent of society.** The agent of any  
21 society which is formed or incorporated for the prevention of



1 cruelty to animals, upon being appointed thereto by the  
 2 president of [~~such~~] that society in any district in the State,  
 3 may within [~~such~~] that district make arrests and bring before  
 4 any district judge thereof offenders found violating [~~the~~  
 5 ~~provisions of section~~] any of the following sections:

- 6       (1) 711-1109;
- 7       (2) 711-1109.3;
- 8       (3) 711-1109.35;
- 9       (4) 711-1109.37;
- 10      (5) 711-1109.4; or
- 11      (6) 711-1109.5,

12 to be dealt with according to law."

13       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1779

**Report Title:**

Animals; Agents of Society; Powers of Arrest

**Description:**

Increases the enumerated offenses relating to animals for which an agent of a society formed to prevent cruelty to animals may make arrests.

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