

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 16, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2156
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to become a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, or a similar agreement.

The Humane Society of the United States-Hawaii, Humane Society International, NSEFU Wildlife Conservation Foundation, Global March for Elephants and Rhinos, March for Elephants, For the Fishes, and an individual provided testimony in support of the measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.


Your Committee notes that the Humane Society of the United States has offered to pay for the annual database maintenance fee required for membership and for the resulting additional staff hours needed to enter information into the national database.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2051, to encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



