

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 8, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2512
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 1, H.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 penalties for animal desertion, except where the animal is released as part of a population management program.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaiian Humane Society, The Humane Society of the United States, Poi Dogs & Popoki, Hawaii Cat Foundation, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources opposed this measure. The Department of the Attorney General commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No.

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2512, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



