

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 27, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1516  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1516, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL FORFEITURE,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to protect the welfare of pet and equine animals by:

- (1) Permitting duly incorporated humane societies and duly incorporated societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals to petition in court for full custody of an impounded pet animal or equine animal prior to the filing of certain criminal charges against the owner or custodian of the pet animal or equine animal;
- (2) Allowing a pet animal or equine animal to be destroyed by the petitioner prior to final disposition of certain



criminal charges if the pet animal or equine animal is a danger to itself or others; and

- (3) Specifying that an acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding does not preclude civil proceedings under animal cruelty offenses.

After careful consideration, your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1516, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1516, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
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