

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2593  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2593, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FERAL CATS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to humanely address the exponential increases in the feral cat population by:

- (1) Requiring an unspecified state agency to contract with a nonprofit animal rescue group to oversee caretakers of feral cats;
- (2) Exempting registered feral cat caretakers from state and county laws relating to the feeding and confinement of cats; and
- (3) Establishing a feral cat trap-sterilize-return process.


The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Office of Hawaiian Affairs opposed this measure. The Humane Society of the United States and Hawaii Association of Animal Welfare Agencies provided comments.

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 H.B. No. 2593, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

  
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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



