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,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

	mittee Referral: +GR , F/M	Date	3/01/.	2018
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous de	•		′ /	
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. DeCOITE, Lynn		/		
5. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega		✓ <u> </u>		
7. HOLT, Daniel				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett			in	✓
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.				Par Stor
11. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.			V	
12. TODD, Chris				A CONTRACTOR OF BEING
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
14. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.		√		- C-mail: 1.0000 II 1.0000
15. WARD, Gene		V		
TOTAL (15)	7	6	/	/
The recommendation is: □ Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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