

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 1748
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1748 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE OFFENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide that all firearms, animal parts, products, or items containing animal parts or products involved in the commission of wildlife tracking or certain hunting offenses shall be considered contraband and subject to forfeiture and disposal by the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Animal Rights Hawaii, Hawaiian Humane Society, Pono Advocacy, For Forgotten Felines, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Firearms Coalition and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that requiring the forfeiture and disposal of contraband involved in the commission of certain wildlife offenses will further deter future criminal activity and prevent wildlife trafficking.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing firearms from the list of items that are to be considered contraband and be forfeited and disposed of by the State for a first conviction of certain wildlife trafficking or hunting offenses; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1748, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1748, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



