

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3213**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2020**

RE: S.B. No. 2473  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2473 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUIDE DOGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for the planning and design of a professional training facility for guide dogs and other professionally trained career dogs within the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Department of Agriculture, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that professionally trained guide dogs assist Hawaii's blind and visually impaired residents in attaining and maintaining employment and give those residents greater independence and mobility. Accordingly, your Committee finds it appropriate to invest in a facility that will train guide dogs within the State, thereby reducing the need to import guide dogs from elsewhere.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

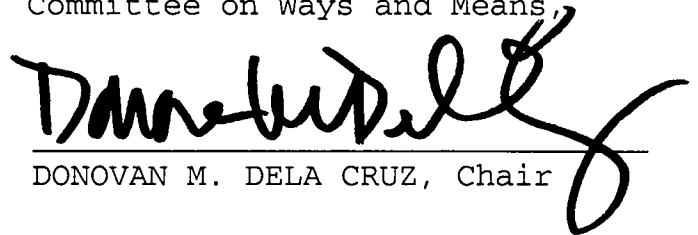
- (1) Changing the appropriation from \$300,000 to an unspecified amount;



- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2473, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2473, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



