

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

979

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 16 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 343
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 343, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT OF AN ANIMAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the offense of sexual assault of an animal as a class C felony; and
- (2) Provide that sexual assault of an animal is a class B felony if the offense subjects a minor to sexual contact with an animal or is committed in the presence of a minor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, Hawaiian Humane Society, The Humane Society of the United States, Pono Advocacy, Animal Rights Hawaii, Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain, Hawaii Association of Animal Welfare Agencies, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

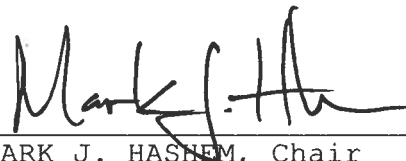
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Your Committee finds that the sexual assault of an animal has been significantly linked to the sexual abuse of children as well as interpersonal violence and other forms of animal cruelty. In addition, sexual abusers of animals have been shown to collect and share child pornography and express interest in other aberrant behavior involving sexual violence and fetish behaviors. Your Committee further finds that establishing the sexual assault of an animal as a separate crime will allow law enforcement officers to better identify potentially dangerous and violent sexual predators in the community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 343, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



MARK J. HASNEM, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 343 SD 1	Committee Referral: AGR, JHA	Date: 3/12/21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
4. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	✓			
6. TODD, Chris	✓			
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (8)	8			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>(committee acronym(s))</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Amy Perruso				
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