

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 4069

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 26 2022

RE: H.C.R. No. 128

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 128 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO MORE
EFFECTIVELY AND MEANINGFULLY COORDINATE THEIR POLICE
ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC AWARENESS EFFORTS WITH THE STATE AND
WITH HUMANE SOCIETIES AND OTHER ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS
CONCERNING THE DANGERS POSED BY UNLEASHED DOGS TO HUMANS AND
TO OTHER ANIMALS IN PUBLIC AREAS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
counties to more effectively and meaningfully coordinate their
police enforcement and public awareness efforts with the State and
with humane societies and other animal welfare organizations
concerning the dangers posed by unleashed dogs to humans and to
other animals in public areas.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one
individual.

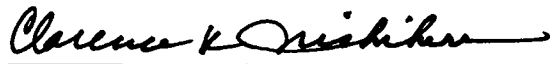
Your Committee finds that dog bites are among the top reasons
for emergency room visits, ranking higher than injuries occurring
on motorcycles, to pedestrians, and from gunshots. However, for a
person who has been bitten by a dog or whose animal has been
bitten by a dog, and who chooses to contact authorities to seek
criminal or civil remedies, the delineation of roles and



enforcement authority among county police departments, state park enforcement authorities in the case of state parks, and the humane societies or any other animal welfare organization can be unclear and confusing, and often results in the appearance of one enforcement authority assigning responsibility or blame to a different authority without providing meaningful assistance to the affected person. This measure will protect pet animals and the public by urging the counties to more effectively and meaningfully coordinate their police enforcement and public awareness efforts with the State and with humane societies and other animal welfare organizations concerning the dangers posed by unleashed dogs to humans and to other animals in public areas.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 128, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,

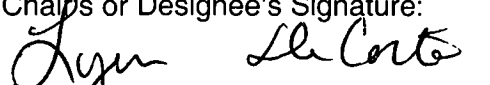


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HR 128</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PSM</i>	Date: <i>4/20/2022</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
DECOITE, Lynn (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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