

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2624

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2837
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2837 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF ANIMALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a spay and neuter special fund and allow funds from an income tax check-off to be deposited into the special fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Best Friends, Maui Humane Society, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Animal Balance, Hawaiian Humane Society, Alliance for Contraception in Cats & Dogs, Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain, Petfix Spay and Neuter, Neighborhood Cats, Kaua'i Humane Society, Love A Cat Charity, Aloha Animal Advocates, Conflictresolution.com, The Humane Society of the United States, Molokai Humane Society, Hawaii Island Humane Society, Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and ninety-six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Taxation, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and North Shore Ko'olau Diversity Collective.



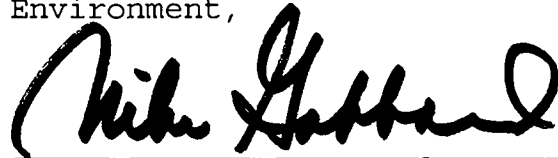
Your Committee finds that overpopulation of certain animals contributes to widespread suffering of those animals in the State. Spaying and neutering of pets would reduce the overpopulation of animals and limit the need for euthanization. Despite the value of spaying and neutering for the prevention of animal suffering, the State does not contribute funds to support the practice. This measure establishes a spay and neuter special fund and allows an income tax check-off to be deposited into the special fund for the purpose of supporting spaying and neutering of certain animals in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation into and out of the Spay and Neuter Special Fund;
- (2) Replacing references to a husband and wife with reference to a married couple for purposes of income tax filing; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2837, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

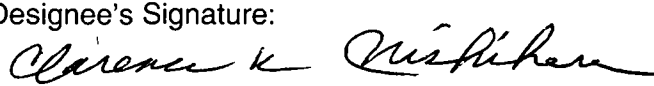


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
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SB 2837	AEN, WAM	02/14/22		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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