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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME PET OWNERS AFFORD EMERGENCY CARE FOR THEIR PETS.

1 WHEREAS, there are many health benefits of pet ownership
2 such as increased opportunities to exercise and companionship,
3 that can have physical and mental health benefits; and
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5 WHEREAS, pets can help their human owners manage loneliness
6 and depression; and
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8 WHEREAS, keeping a pet healthy by making regular visits to
9 a veterinarian and by purchasing preventative medication can be
10 expensive, costing between \$200 and \$400 per visit; and
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12 WHEREAS, if a pet has a medical condition, the cost of a
13 veterinary visit can be much higher, upwards of \$1,000 for
14 emergency treatment or procedures; and
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16 WHEREAS, due to the high cost of certain treatments,
17 financially insecure families may delay necessary treatments for
18 their pets, incur credit card debt, or turn to fundraising
19 websites such as GoFundMe or Waggle to pay for treatment; and
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21 WHEREAS, these families should not have to choose between
22 the health of their beloved pet or delaying treatment or
23 incurring high interest debt; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
27 that the Hawaiian Humane Society is requested to develop a
28 program to assist low-income pet owners provide emergency
29 medical care for their pets; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program is requested to
32 include no or low-interest payment plans, no credit checks, and
33 other financial assistance options for uninsured pet owners; and

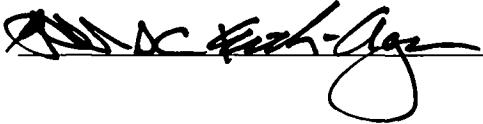


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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Humane Society is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaiian Humane Society.

OFFERED BY:  _____

