

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1649

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 151

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.R. No. 151 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaiian Humane Society to develop a program to assist low-income pet owners to afford emergency care for their pets.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

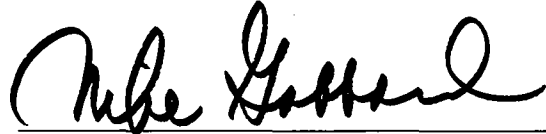
Your Committee finds that there are physical health benefits of pet ownership such as increased opportunities for exercise as well as many mental health benefits, such as managing loneliness and depression through the companionship pets can provide. Your Committee further finds that keeping a pet healthy by making regular visits to the veterinarian and purchasing medication or enlisting medical services can be expensive. Families should not have to choose between the health of their pet or incurring debt. Therefore, this measure requests the Hawaiian Human Society to develop a program to assist low-income pet owners in providing feasible emergency medical care for their pets.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 151 and recommends its adoption.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)		X		
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton	X			
TOTAL	4	1		

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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