
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING DECEASED DOGS AND CATS FROM PUBLIC ROADWAYS TO CHECK FOR, SCAN, AND RECORD THE MICROCHIP OF THE DECEASED DOG OR CAT, IF ANY, AND CERTAIN OTHER INFORMATION; AND TIMELY NOTIFY COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES OR ANIMAL SERVICE CONTRACTORS OF THE DECEASED DOG OR CAT, INCLUDING THE RECORDED INFORMATION.

1 WHEREAS, pet dogs and cats are an integral part of many
2 people's lives and it has been reported that approximately sixty
3 percent of the State's households have at least one dog or cat;
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6 WHEREAS, the loss of a pet animal can be a sad experience
7 for the pet's owner and other people who cared for the pet; and

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9 WHEREAS, not knowing how a pet died or if a lost pet is
10 still alive can be traumatic; and

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12 WHEREAS, providing closure for pet owners and other people
13 who cared for the pet is of deep importance; and

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15 WHEREAS, animals, including pet dogs and cats, are often
16 killed on state or county roadways and are picked up by the
17 appropriate state or county agency, such as the refuse division
18 or road maintenance, for disposal; and

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20 WHEREAS, state and county agencies do not routinely scan
21 deceased animals for an identifying microchip or take other
22 steps to ascertain the animals' owners, such as inspecting a tag
23 worn on the animal's collar for a contact phone number or
24 address; and

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26 WHEREAS, since January 1, 2022, dog and cat owners have
27 been required to have a microchip implanted in their pet dog or
28 cat, and to register the microchip number and the owner's



1 contact information with a microchip registration company,
2 pursuant to Act 5, Session Laws of Hawaii, Special Session of
3 2021; and

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5 WHEREAS, durable microchip scanners cost approximately \$350
6 and are readily available; and

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8 WHEREAS, nonprofit and volunteer agencies that support pets
9 have microchip scanners and are familiar with the process of
10 looking up pet owners and their contact information, which is
11 one of the main ways that lost pets that have been turned into
12 pet shelters are reunited with their owners; and

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14 WHEREAS, there are active social media groups connecting
15 lost pets with owners across the State; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that state and county
20 agencies responsible for removing deceased dogs and cats from
21 public roadways are requested to check for, scan, and record the
22 microchip of the deceased dog or cat, if any, along with the
23 location found, descriptive information about the pet, and any
24 contact phone number, name, or address shown on the pet's tag or
25 collar; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these state and county agencies
28 are requested to timely notify county animal services or animal
29 service contractors of the deceased dog or cat, including the
30 microchip number, if any, location found, descriptive
31 information about the pet, and any contact phone number, name,
32 or address shown on the pet's tag or collar, and allow those
33 entities to use their staff or volunteers to follow up with the
34 registered pet owners; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
38 Board of Agriculture, Deputy Director of the Department of
39 Transportation Highways Division, mayor of each county,
40 President of the Hawaiian Humane Society, Executive Director of
41 the Kauai Humane Society, and Chief Executive Officer of the
42 Maui Humane Society.

