## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII

## H.B. NO. <sup>667</sup> H.D. 1 S.D. 1 C.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the
 "Mila Microchip Identification Act".

3 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that since January 1, 4 2022, all cat and dog owners in Hawaii have been required to have a microchip implanted in their pet and to register that 5 6 microchip number and the owner's contact information with a microchip registration company. The legislature further finds 7 8 that when employees of the state and county agencies responsible 9 for disposing roadkill pick up dead cats and dogs that have been 10 killed on public roadways, they do not routinely scan the deceased animals for microchips or take any other measures to 11 ascertain the animal's owner. As a result, owners of lost cats 12 13 or dogs are not informed if their pet has been killed by a 14 vehicle.

15 The legislature further finds that the tragic incident 16 involving a dog named Mila, as reported by KITV News on 17 November 8, 2024, highlights a critical gap in existing policies



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1 and procedures. Due to the absence of proper scanning equipment 2 within the department of transportation and the lack of clear 3 rules for owner notification, Mila was disposed of without her 4 owner being informed. This measure seeks to address such 5 deficiencies by establishing clear directives for notification 6 and the use of scanning equipment to prevent similar occurrences 7 in the future.

8 Furthermore, the legislature recognizes that this measure 9 aligns with the intent expressed in the previous legislative 10 session through House Concurrent Resolution No. 171 and House 11 Resolution No. 150. By enacting this legislation, the 12 legislature affirms its commitment to animal welfare and 13 responsible procedures for handling lost or deceased pets. 14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

15 (1) Require the department of transportation and each16 county to:

17 (A) Scan any cat or dog carcass found on a state or18 county roadway for a microchip;

19 (B) Record certain information and report that
20 information to the appropriate county animal
21 services or animal service contractors; and





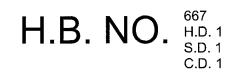
1		(C) Make reasonable efforts to contact the registered
2		owner; and
3	(2)	Authorize the department of transportation and each
4		county to coordinate with each other to share scanner
5		resources or protocols.
6	SECTION 3. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
7	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated	
8	and to read as follows:	
9	" <u>§26</u>	4- Microchip scanning of deceased animals on
10	roadways.	(a) The department of transportation shall:
11	(1)	Scan any cat or dog carcass found on a state roadway
12		for a microchip;
13	(2)	Record any microchip number or other identifying
14		information and a basic description of the animal, if
15		discernible;
16	(3)	Notify the appropriate county animal services
17		contractor or animal control agency within forty-eight
18		hours of discovery; and
19	(4)	When feasible, make reasonable efforts to contact the
20		registered owner of a deceased animal if microchip
21		information is obtained.



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1	(b)	The department of transportation may coordinate with	
2	the counties to share microchip scanner resources or protocols		
3	as needed."		
4	SECTION 4. Chapter 265A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
5	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated		
6	and to read as follows:		
7	" <u>§</u> 26	5A- Microchip scanning of deceased animals on	
8	roadways.	(a) Each county shall:	
9	(1)	Scan any cat or dog carcass found on a county roadway	
10		for a microchip;	
11	(2)	Record any microchip number or other identifying	
12		information and a basic description of the animal, if	
13		discernible; and	
14	(3)	Notify the appropriate county animal services	
15		contractor or animal control agency within forty-eight	
16		hours of discovery.	
17	(b)	A county animal services contractor or animal control	
18	agency sh	all make reasonable efforts to contact the registered	
19	owner of a deceased animal if microchip information is obtained.		

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1	(c) Each c	ounty may coordinate with the department of			
2	transportation o	r other counties to share scanner resources or			
3	protocols."				
4	SECTION 5.	New statutory material is underscored.			
5	SECTION 6.	This Act shall take effect upon its approval.			





### Report Title:

DOT; Deceased Pet Animals; Public Roadways; Microchips; Notification

#### Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation or appropriate county to scan any cat or dog carcass found on a state or county roadway for a microchip, record certain information, report that information to the appropriate county animal services or animal service contractors, and make reasonable efforts to contact the registered owner. Authorizes the Department of Transportation and each county to coordinate with each other to share scanner resources or protocols. (CD1)

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