

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1364

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 19** , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1022  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 1022, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL ENDANGERMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow:

- (1) Animal control officers, law enforcement officers, and firefighters to enter an unattended vehicle to protect the health, safety, or well-being of a pet animal that is endangered by being left or confined in an unattended vehicle; and
- (2) Private citizens to retrieve a pet animal that has been left in an unattended vehicle, under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i; AAA Hawaii; Animal Legal Defense Fund; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department.

Your Committee finds that each year, numerous pet animals suffer and perish due to being left unattended in parked vehicles

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under extreme temperature conditions. Many pet owners are unaware that even on mild days, vehicle interiors can rapidly reach dangerously high temperatures in Hawaii. Given the severe risk of heat stroke, dehydration, and fatality, immediate intervention is often necessary to prevent harm. This measure authorizes designated public officials and private citizens to rescue pet animals from unattended vehicles under specified conditions, ensuring the protection and welfare of animals in distress.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1022, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1022, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,

  
KIRSTIN KAHALOA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:     Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAHALOA, Kirstin (C)	X			
2. KUSCH, Matthias (VC)	X			
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.	X			
4. PERRUSO, Amy A.	X			
5. QUINLAN, Sean				X
6. WARD, Gene				X
<b>TOTAL (6)</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>

The recommendation is:     Adopted     Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ committee acronym(s) \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: