

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 27 2025**RE: S.B. No. 1023  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 1023, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF  
ANIMALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to help reduce pet  
overpopulation and the reproduction of free-roaming cats by  
establishing and providing revenue sources for a spay and neuter  
special fund.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes a spay and neuter special fund to be  
administered by the Department of Budget and Finance for  
funding spaying and neutering surgeries and associated  
veterinary care;
- (2) Establishes an advisory committee to assist the  
Department of Budget and Finance in developing  
eligibility criteria and procedures for the disbursement  
of moneys from the special fund;
- (3) Allows each taxpayer to designate \$5 of the taxpayer's  
income tax refund for deposit into the spay and neuter  
special fund;



- (4) Requires the directors of finance for the counties to design and issue a special number plate for registered motor vehicles to raise moneys for the spay and neuter special fund; and
- (5) Appropriates moneys into and out of the special fund.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Humane Society of the United States, Hawaiian Humane Society, and three individuals.

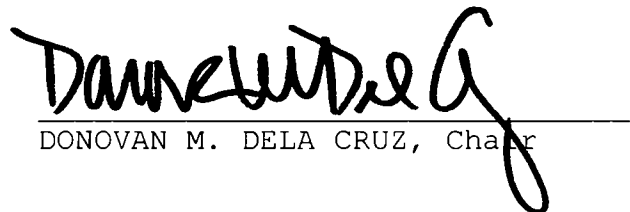
Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Attorney General, Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Taxation, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that reducing unwanted pet and free-roaming cat overpopulation by assisting with the costs of spaying and neutering these animals will help prevent surplus animal births, lower the cost of animal control efforts, address public health concerns, and decrease threats to the State's wildlife.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1023, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.: <b>SB1023 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN/TCA/EIG, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-18-2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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