

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.

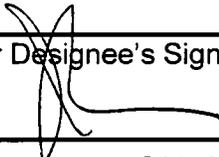
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SB1023 SD1	AEN/TCAL/EIG, WAM	2-18-2025
<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		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
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		
TOTAL	12	0
0	1	
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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