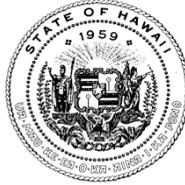


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February 6, 2025
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 430 & Videoconference

H.B. 667
RELATING TO DEAD CATS AND DOGS ON PUBLIC ROADWAY

House Committee on Transportation

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) supports H.B. 667. This bill requires the department of Transportation or appropriate county department when disposing of a deceased cat or dog found on a public roadway to scan the animal for a microchip, record certain information, and report that information to the appropriate county animal control services or animal contractors. This Act to take effect December 1, 2025.

The HDOT recognizes the importance of notifying pet owners and is committed to enhancing our approach to this issue while maintaining our core mission of roadway safety and maintenance. We are currently in the process of obtaining microchip scanners and will collaborate with local humane societies to facilitate pet owner notifications. Additionally, we will work to implement procedures that balance efficiency, safety, and feasibility.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and encourage further discussions with key stakeholders, including animal welfare organizations and county agencies, to develop a practical and sustainable approach that aligns with DOT's operational framework.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Hawaiian Humane Society
People for animals. Animals for people.

Date: Feb. 4, 2025

To: Chair Rep. Darius K. Kila
Vice Chair Rep. Tina Nakada Grandinetti
and Members of the Committee on Transportation

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Director of Community Engagement
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Testimony in strong support of HB 667: Relating to Transportation
Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025, 10 a.m., Room 430 & Videoconference

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our strong support for House Bill 667, which requires the Department of Transportation or appropriate county department when disposing of a deceased cat or dog from a public roadway to scan the animal for a microchip, record certain information, and report that information to the appropriate county animal services or animal service contractors; and appropriates funds.

This measure codifies the will expressed in the last legislative session by HCR171 / HR150, which was approved by this body. The appropriate agencies have struggled to fulfill the requests made in that resolution and Hawaiian Humane is grateful to the bill sponsors for including the funding necessary for state and county agencies to carry out this mandate.

Pets are an integral part of many people's lives and not knowing how a pet died or if a lost pet is still alive can be traumatic. State and county agencies responsible for clearing dead animals from roadways do not routinely scan deceased animals for an identifying microchip or take other steps to determine ownership, such as inspecting a tag worn on the animal's collar for a contact phone number or address. With an increase in the number of microchipped dogs and cats, resulting from a state law that required them as of January 1, 2022, scanning for chips would be an effective way to provide closure to worried pet owners.

We urge the committee to pass HB 667. Mahalo for your consideration.

Testimony in Support of HB667

February 6, 2025

Members of the House committee on Transportation :

The Pacific Pet Alliance is a Hawai'i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy.

The Pacific Pet Alliance (PPA) would like to submit testimony for your consideration regarding the appropriation of funds to purchase microchip scanners for State road crews.

The Pacific Pet Alliance respectfully asks this committee to please support HB667 as it would provide State transportation workers the scanners to help identify deceased pets and provide grieving pet owners some closure as to what happened to their cat, dog, or large bird.

Lynn Muramaru

Board Member

Pacific Pet Alliance

HB-667

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 3:23:58 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Rabb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to support HB 667 by Rep. Kila. This is a bill that shows Hawaii as a compassionate state. If one's pet is killed on the roadway, it is important for the family to have closure. If not, families often search for their beloved pet for months.

Microchip scanners are a tiny expense in comparison to the emotional relief that this bill will bring to family members.

Mahalo for your kind support of HB 667.

Renee Rabb

Keaau, HI 96749

Big Island

HB-667

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 5:57:03 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JOANNE PARKER	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill.

For some people an animal is either the only friend or it is part of that person's family. Also, for these people, public transportation is their only means of transportation.

If there are rules and regulations, animals should be allowed to accompany it's owner.

Please support this bill.

HB-667

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 7:11:16 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Serena Stefanic-Phillip	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of Bill HB667.

HB-667

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 7:53:34 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carole R. Richelieu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

in the public interest. Helps folks immensely who should know what happened to their pet.

Hawai'i Kai

HB-667

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 8:57:16 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jan Allen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Please support HB667 so that people can have closure on their deceased pets found elsewhere.
Thank you, Jan Allen*

HB-667

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 12:49:53 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Representative Kila, Vice Chair Representative Grandinetti and Members of the Committee on Transportation.

Please vote for HB 667 to support pet owners when their lost pets die on public roadways.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

Makiki and life long resident of Oahu

HB-667

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 12:51:11 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Taurie Kinoshita	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB667.

When a cat or dog dies on a public roadway, it is tragic.

In order for owners to have closure, it is imperative that the Department of Transportation be required to scan for a microchip, so the information can be reported. Without this requirement, people search for years for the pet, never knowing what happened.

I had a friend who lost her cat (it was an indoor cat, very well cared for.) Her whole life, and everyone in her life, and even her community suffered because she spent so much time (months) searching for her cat--putting up posters, ignoring her volunteer work... It was so sad.

Obviously the cat had died, but she had no chance of being notified, and thus she never gave up hope. It was so cruel and sad...

Additionally, funding for state and county agencies to carry out the mandate is desperately needed.

Please pass this important bill!

Sincerely,

Taurie Kinoshita

voter and lifelong resident

HB-667

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:19:28 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane E Arnold	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support HB667. If a pet is lost and gets killed, the owners would be very grateful to know, and this bill would facilitate that.

Jane E Arnold

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Honolulu HI. 96816

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:50:01 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Natalie Graham-Wood	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in favor of HB667. My name is Natalie Graham-Wood and I reside at Sunset Beach, Oahu.

HB-667

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 2:33:10 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/6/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Saul	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Am writing in support of HB667 Relating to Transportation

A few years back while driving down a residential street in Honolulu I saw the body of a cat, recently run over, which appeared to have been someone's beloved pet. I lifted it up as gently as I could and took it to the Hawaiian Humane Society where I expected they would scan the chip and notify the owner.

Had that been a pet of mine I would seriously need to know what happened to it, and I strongly believe every pet owner is entitled to such information to achieve some peace of mind.

Please help us to make this possible.

Thank you.

**Alice Saul
Hawaii Kai, Honolulu**