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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ADOPT RULES LIMITING THE POSSESSION OF PET ANIMALS.

1 WHEREAS, pet animals are dogs, cats, domesticated rabbits, 2 guinea pigs, domesticated pigs or caged birds not bred for 3 consumption; and 4 5 WHEREAS, current animal hoarding statute allows the 6 ownership of up to 15 cats and dogs, but does not address the 7 ownership of fewer than 15 pet animals when the pet animals are not properly cared for; and 8 9 WHEREAS, properly caring for pet animals becomes 10 11 increasingly challenging as the number of pet animals owned increases; and 12 13 14 WHEREAS, improper care of pet animals, including failure to 15 properly dispose of pet animal waste, creates a nuisance in the community; now, therefore, 16 17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 18 19 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is 20 requested to adopt rules to limit the possession of pet animals 21 whose improper care creates a nuisance; and 22 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health. 25 26 27 28 OFFERED BY:

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