HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, pet animals are dogs, cats, domesticated rabbits, 1 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 8 not properly cared for; and 9 10 WHEREAS, properly caring for pet animals becomes increasingly challenging as the number of pet animals owned 11 increases; and 12 13 WHEREAS, improper care of pet animals, including failure to 14 15 properly dispose of pet animal waste, creates a nuisance in the community; now, therefore, 16 17 18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 19 of 2011, that the Department of Health is requested to adopt 20 21 rules to limit the possession of pet animals whose improper care 22 creates a nuisance; and 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 24 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health. 25 26 27 28 OFFERED BY:

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