STAND. COM. REP. NO. Honolulu, Hawaii , 2017 February 7

RE: H.B. No. 155

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 155 entitled:

" "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to safeguard the well-being of and strengthen protections for pet animals by explicitly addressing their support and maintenance and custody when their owners are undergoing annulment, divorce, or separation proceedings.

The Hawaiian Humane Society, Humane Society of the United States, Hawaii Island Humane Society, West Hawaii Humane Society, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and Pacific Pet Alliance opposed the measure. The Judiciary submitted comments.

Should your Committee on Judiciary choose to hear this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it further examine and consider the legal and judicial concerns raised, particularly those of the Hawaii State Judiciary.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 155 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture,

RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: Commi	ttee Referral:	Date:		
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θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. The recommendation is to: \checkmark Pass, unamended (as is) θ Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)			·····	
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)				
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
4. ING, Kaniela				
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
5. Loi RESTI, Maulew S.				
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		in <u>a station de Freder</u> ik		
7. THIELEN, Cynthia	andarge fannende 1991. maar een stat in mindeler jogeneer		a haaraa ka Hadaaliya iyo ayaa dhi	n to setting of the set
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TOTAL (7)	6	1		
The recommendation is: X Adopted θ Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
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