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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 185

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. 185 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the protection of animals by:

- (1) Establishing licensing requirements for dog breeders; and
- (2) Strengthening laws pertaining to abandonment of or cruelty to animals.

The Hawaiian Humane Society, Animal Rights Hawaii, Hawaii Island Humane Society, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Pacific Pet Alliance, Hawaii Opaeula, Koolau Pets, and numerous individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Department of the Attorney General provided comments.

Your Committee notes that many concerns were raised regarding this issue by small scale dog breeders. As these issues are beyond the purview of your Committee on Agriculture, your Committee respectfully requests that your Committee on Judiciary consider the issues and concerns raised should it deliberate this measure further.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 31, 2150, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

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. 185, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 185, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral: AGR, TUD		Date: 2-3-1	7-
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (W	R) Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)				
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)				
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
4. ING, Kaniela	-			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
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7. THIELEN, Cynthia		8648/2/1 <u>#</u>		
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, committee acronym(s) One Not Adopted did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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