
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT
A SURVEY OF ITS MEMBERSHIP ON THE FREQUENCY OF CASES OF RAT
LUNGWORM DISEASE IN ANIMAL COMPANIONS.

1 WHEREAS, zoonotic diseases, also known as zoonoses, are
2 animal diseases that are caused by infections from viruses,
3 bacteria, parasites, or fungi, and can spread between animals
4 and humans; and

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6 WHEREAS, zoonotic diseases can cause illnesses of varying
7 severity, and even death, to humans; and

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9 WHEREAS, reports from the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention indicate that zoonotic diseases are very common, and
11 will infect tens of thousands of Americans every year; and

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13 WHEREAS, zoonotic diseases can be transmitted directly or
14 indirectly to humans through the consumption of contaminated
15 foodstuffs or contact with infected animals; and

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17 WHEREAS, examples of zoonotic diseases include
18 Leptospirosis; *E. coli* infection; methicillin-resistant
19 *staphylococcus aureus* infection (MRSA); ringworm; *toxoplasmosis*;
20 *salmonella* infection; *tuberculosis*; H1N1 and H3N2 influenza
21 viruses, also known as bird flu and swine flu; *brucellosis*
22 caused by *Brucella suis*; and *angiostrongyliasis cantonensis*,
23 more commonly known as rat lungworm disease; and

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25 WHEREAS, past experiments, observations, and reports have
26 shown that rat lungworm disease can be and has been contracted
27 by cats, dogs, and other animals in places such as Australia and
28 Hawaii; and
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WHEREAS, veterinarians have studied and have a good understanding of zoonotic diseases, including rat lungworm disease; and

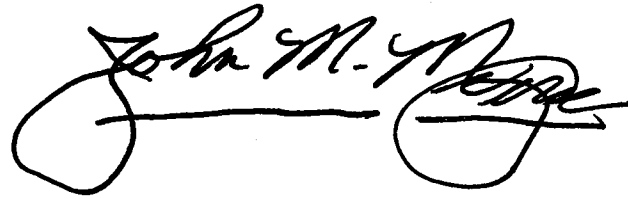
BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association is requested to conduct a survey of its membership to inquire about:

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the completion of the survey, the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association is requested to submit, with all deliberate speed, a report of the survey results to the Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association.

OFFERED BY:

H.C.R. NO. 225

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Depina". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a horizontal line extending across the middle of the name.

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