

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 300

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 17 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1086
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1086 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERINARIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect animals by:

- (1) Providing civil immunity, absent gross negligence, to veterinarians who render emergency care or treatment to an animal, regardless of whether a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists; and
- (2) Requiring veterinarians to report certain suspected injuries, killing, or abuse of an animal to law enforcement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaiian Humane Society, Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain, Pono Advocacy, Animal Rights Hawaii, Hawaii Association of Animal Welfare Agencies, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Your Committee finds that veterinarians should be permitted to use their skills and expertise to render emergency aid to



animals without the fear of civil liability; provided that the aid is rendered in good faith and absent gross negligence. This measure provides appropriate civil immunity to veterinarians while ensuring the protection of animal health and welfare.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1086, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1086, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1086	Committee Referral: CPC, JHA	Date: 2/9/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	11			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ Lisa Kitagawa				
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