

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

825

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 , 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1086, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERINARIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide veterinarians who provide emergency care to a sick or injured animal immunity from civil liability in the absence of gross negligence;
- (2) Provide veterinarians, who render emergency treatment when there is no veterinarian-client-patient relationship, immunity from civil liability in the absence of gross negligence; and
- (3) Require veterinarians to report events of animal injury, death, or abuse to law enforcement when there is reasonable cause to believe that the event relates to dogfighting or animal abuse, and to provide immunity from civil liability for veterinarians making these reports.



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

Your Committee finds that veterinarians who render aid in good faith and absent gross negligence should be permitted to use their skills to provide emergency aid to animals without the fear of civil liability. This measure increases the protection of animal health and welfare by providing the appropriate civil immunity to veterinarians.

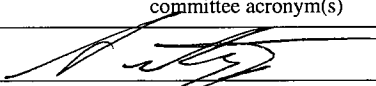
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1086, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1086 HD 1	Committee Referral: CPC, JHA	Date: 3-3-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				✓
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TODD, Chris	✓			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
12. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (12)	9	0	0	3
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: 				
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