

Honolulu, Hawaii **FEB 17**, 2021 RE: H.B. No. 1287 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 Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1287 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MICROCHIP IDENTIFICATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require all dog and cat owners to microchip their pets, if the pets are not otherwise licensed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kauai Humane Society, Poi Dogs & Popoki, and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Neighborhood Cats and one individual.

Your Committee finds that microchips are the safest, most accessible, and most affordable identification tool for pet owners. Microchipping pets can also bypass the need for animal control, save taxpayer money by eliminating the cost of intake and boarding of lost pets, and avoid additional stress on an owner and the pet during the period of separation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purpose of style, clarity, and consistency.



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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. 1287, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1287, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 287	Committee Referral: AGR, CA	Date	2/10/2	021
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD, U) Hold Image: Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)				
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)				
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.	∕			
4. MARTEN, Lisa			$B_{\rm c}$ = 100	
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	<u>ARAN BARANG BARANG AN</u>			
6. TODD, Chris			. Na Kalifati katak	<u>233-226 2010 2010 2010 2010</u>
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		dh dha million an Abrillion an	n na hariyya ya shi ku bir a sa sa sa sa sa sa sa sa sa	en hen en som en so
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren			· · ·	
TOTAL (8)	8	0	0	0
The recommendation is: Image: Adopted Image: Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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