STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: H.B. No. 1512 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 1512 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to limit the civil liability of good Samaritans who render emergency nonmedical care and emergency nonmedical assistance to animals during an emergency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain, Hawaiian Humane Scciety, Animal Legal Defense Fund, and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that animals, particularly companion animals, play an important role in the lives of the State's residents, from providing comfort and companionship as pets to functioning as vital aids and supports for individuals with disabilities. Your Committee further finds that although the State has taken important steps in promoting the protection of animals, additional measures can be taken to encourage and protect bystanders who are not duly licensed veterinarians who provide nonmedical care or nonmedical assistance to animals in an emergency. This measure is intended to protect these good Samaritans by limiting their civil liability for damages resulting from their intervention.



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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, 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 Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1512, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1512, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems,

CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 151ン	Committee Referral:	JHA Date	2/10/202	2
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)				
2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)			1	
3. COCHRAN, Elle			en mar de manada de la composición de l	
4. LOWEN, Nicole E.				<u></u>
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
6. WOODSON, Justin H.			bernen en ser an ser an ser a se Ser a ser	
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7. WARD, Gene				
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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