
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO NOTIFY ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS OF DECEASED CATS AND DOGS THAT ARE PICKED UP ALONG STATE AND COUNTY ROADWAYS.

1 WHEREAS, pet cats and dogs are an integral part of many
2 people's lives and it has been reported that approximately sixty
3 percent of the State's households have at least one cat or dog;
4 and

5
6 WHEREAS, the loss of a pet animal can be a sad experience
7 for the pet's owner and other people who cared for the pet; and

8
9 WHEREAS, not knowing how a pet died or if a lost pet is
10 still alive can be traumatic; and

11
12 WHEREAS, providing closure for pet owners and other people
13 who cared for the pet is of deep importance; and

14
15 WHEREAS, animals, including pet dogs and cats, are often
16 killed on state or county roadways and are picked up by the
17 appropriate state or county agency, such as the refuse division
18 or road maintenance, for disposal; and

19
20 WHEREAS, state and county agencies do not routinely scan
21 deceased animals for an identifying microchip or take other
22 steps to ascertain the animals' owners, such as inspecting a tag
23 worn on the animal's collar for a contact phone number or
24 address; and

25
26 WHEREAS, since January 1, 2022, dog and cat owners have
27 been required to have a microchip implanted in their pet dog or
28 cat, and to register the microchip number and the owner's
29 contact information with a microchip registration company,
30 pursuant to Act 5, Session Laws of Hawaii, Special Session of
31 2021; and
32



H.C.R. NO. 171

1 WHEREAS, durable microchip scanners cost approximately \$350
2 and are readily available; and

3
4 WHEREAS, nonprofit and volunteer agencies that support pets
5 have microchip scanners and are familiar with the process of
6 looking up pet owners and their contact information, which is
7 one of the main ways that lost pets, turned into pet shelters,
8 are reunited with their owners; and

9
10 WHEREAS, there are active social media groups connecting
11 lost pets with owners across the State; now, therefore,

12
13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that state and county
16 agencies responsible for removing deceased dogs and cats from
17 public roadways are requested to check for, scan, and record the
18 microchip of the deceased dog or cat, along with the location
19 found, descriptive information about the pet, and any contact
20 phone number, name, or address shown on the animal's tag or
21 collar; and

22
23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these state and county agencies
24 are requested to timely notify county animal services or animal
25 service contractors of the deceased dog or cat, including the
26 microchip number, if any, location found, descriptive
27 information about the pet, and any contact phone number, name or
28 address shown on the pet's tag or collar, and allow those
29 entities to use their staff or volunteers to follow up with the
30 registered pet owners; and

31
32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
34 Board of Agriculture, Deputy Director of the Department of
35 Transportation Highways Division, the Mayor of each county,
36 President of the Hawaiian Humane Society, Executive Director of
37 the Kauai Humane Society, and Chief Executive Officer of the
38 Maui Humane Society.

39
40
41

OFFERED BY:



MAR 08 2024

