STAND. COM. REP. NO. 7

Honolulu, Hawaii

# FEB 1 6 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2401 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2401 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the City and County of Honolulu and the Department of Health for a feral chicken control program and a feeding of feral animals education program, respectively.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Services, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and Hawai'i Food+ Policy.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that feral chickens and roosters are a persistent nuisance, particularly in suburban and urban residential communities. Feral chickens and roosters destroy gardens, dig up plants, damage food crops, and jeopardize native plants and resources. Additionally, roosters crow at all times of the day and night, leading to numerous noise complaints by residents. Unsanitary droppings from feral chickens and roosters can further create health concerns and threaten Hawaii's



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ecosystem, natural resources, and the health and safety of its residents. Your Committees therefore find that, to protect Hawaii's ecosystem, natural resources, and the safety and health of its residents from feral chickens and roosters, this measure is necessary to appropriate implement a control program and feeding feral animals education campaign.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation of \$50,000 for each county for a feral animal control program; and
- (2) Updating section 1 to reflect its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2401, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

JO BUENAVENTURA, Chair



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# Record of Votes Committee on Health and Human Services HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: Date:							
SB2401	HHS/AEN, WAM 2/9/24							
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:								
The Recommendation is:								
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313								
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)								
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)								
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett								
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.								
AWA, Brenton								
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Recommendation:								
Chair's or Designee's Signature:								
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# Record of Votes Committee on Agriculture and Environment AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:Date:HHS / AEN, WAMZ / 9 / 2 4							
SB 2401	HHS/AEN, WAM Z19/27							
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.								
If so, then the previous decision was to:								
The Recommendation is:								
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Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused			
GABBARD, Mike (C)								
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)					V			
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