

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1390

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 682
S.D. 1
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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 682, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the trade of certain animal fur products in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Humane Society of the United States, Hawaiian Humane Society, Maui Humane Society, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Animal Rights Initiative, FOUR PAWS USA, Collective Fashion Justice, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Last Chance for Animals, Healthy Pets United, Animal Defenders International, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Fur Commission USA; International Fur Federation; American Fur Council; Fur Takers of America; ANAMODA, Inc.; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing laws provide relatively little oversight of the fur trading industries. Your Committee further finds that prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, display

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for sale, trade, or distribution of certain animal fur products in Hawaii will foster a more humane environment in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the preamble;
- (2) Clarifying that the measure does not affect proceedings that were begun before its effective date, rather than proceedings that were done; and
- (3) 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 682, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 682, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



