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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 142-74, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 "**§142-74 Liability of dog owner; penalty.** (a) If any
4 dog, while on private property without the consent of the owner
5 of that property, injures or destroys any sheep, cattle, goat,
6 hog, fowl, or other property belonging to any person other than
7 the owner of the dog, the owner of the dog shall be liable in
8 damages to the person injured for the value of the property so
9 injured or destroyed. The owner of the dog shall confine or
10 destroy the dog, and if the owner of the dog neglects or refuses
11 to do so, the owner of the dog, in the event of any further
12 damage being done to [~~the~~] any person or property of any person
13 by the dog, in addition to paying the person injured for the
14 damage, shall pay the costs of the trial together with the
15 penalty imposed under section 142-12, and it shall be lawful for
16 any other person to destroy the dog.



1 (b) Any person violating subsection (a) shall be fined not
 2 less than \$1,000 in addition to the penalties imposed under
 3 subsection (a) if the dog was on private property zoned for
 4 agricultural use when the violation occurred.

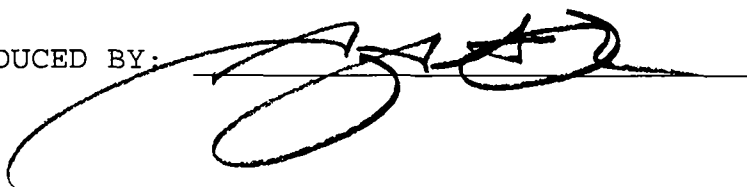
5 [~~b~~] (c) Each county may enact and enforce ordinances
 6 regulating persons who own, harbor, or keep any dog that has
 7 injured, maimed, or destroyed an animal belonging to another
 8 person. No ordinance enacted under this subsection shall be
 9 held invalid on the ground that it covers any subject or matter
 10 embraced within any statute or rule of the State; provided that
 11 the ordinance shall not affect the civil liability of a person
 12 owning, harboring, or keeping the dog. Upon enactment of an
 13 ordinance, whether enacted on, before, or after June 30, 2001,
 14 the ordinance shall have full force and effect; provided that
 15 the ordinance is consistent with this section."

16 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:




S.B. NO. 2249

Report Title:

Dogs; Agricultural Land; Liability; Penalty

Description:

Establishes additional penalties for dog owners whose dog destroys property while on land zoned for agricultural use.

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