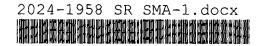
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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, pet cats and dogs are an integral part of many 1 people's lives and it has been reported that approximately sixty 2 percent of the State's households have at least one cat or dog; 3 4 and 5 WHEREAS, the loss of a pet animal can be a sad experience 6 7 for the pet's owner and other people who cared for the pet; and 8 WHEREAS, not knowing how a pet died or if a lost pet is 9 10 still alive can be traumatic; and 11 WHEREAS, providing closure for pet owners and other people 12 who cared for the pet is of deep importance; and 13 14 15 WHEREAS, animals, including pet dogs and cats, are often killed on state or county roadways and are picked up by the 16 appropriate state or county agency, such as the refuse division 17 or road maintenance, for disposal; and 18 19 20 WHEREAS, state and county agencies do not routinely scan 21 deceased animals for an identifying microchip or take other steps to ascertain the animals' owners, such as inspecting a tag 22 worn on the animal's collar for a contact phone number or 23 address; and 24 25 WHEREAS, since January 1, 2022, dog and cat owners have 26 27 been required to have a microchip implanted in their pet dog or cat, and to register the microchip number and the owner's 28 contact information with a microchip registration company, 29 pursuant to Act 5, Session Laws of Hawaii, Special Session of 30 2021; and 31 32 33 WHEREAS, durable microchip scanners cost approximately \$350 and are readily available; and 34 35



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WHEREAS, nonprofit and volunteer agencies that support pets 1 have microchip scanners and are familiar with the process of 2 3 looking up pet owners and their contact information, which is one of the main ways that lost pets, turned into pet shelters, 4 are reunited with their owners; and 5

WHEREAS, there are active social media groups connecting 7 8 lost pets with owners across the State; now, therefore, 9

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second 10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, 11 that state and county agencies responsible for removing deceased 12 dogs and cats from public roadways are requested to check for, 13 14 scan, and record the microchip of the deceased dog or cat, along with the location found, descriptive information about the pet, 15 and any contact phone number, name, or address shown on the 16 animal's tag or collar; and 17

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these state and county agencies 19 are requested to timely notify county animal services or animal 20 service contractors of the deceased dog or cat, including the 21 microchip number, if any, location found, descriptive 22 information about the pet, and any contact phone number, name or 23 address shown on the pet's tag or collar, and allow those 24 25 entities to use their staff or volunteers to follow up with the 26 registered pet owners; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of 29 Agriculture, Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation 30 Highways Division, the Mayor of each county, President of the 31 Hawaiian Humane Society, Executive Director of the Kauai Humane 32 33 Society, and Chief Executive Officer of the Maui Humane Society. 34 35

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