

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

730

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 03 2023**

RE: S.B. No. 316

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 316 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish additional penalties for dog owners whose dog destroys property while on land zoned for agricultural use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. and one individual.

Your Committee finds that dogs that are unleashed or improperly secured can wander onto farms and other lands zoned for agricultural use and cause harm to a landowner's property, which may include sheep, cattle, goats, hogs, and chickens. Your Committee further finds that a penalty is necessary to act as a deterrent against irresponsible dog owners and to protect farmers and landowners from the unnecessary burdens caused by unleashed or improperly secured dogs. Therefore, this measure establishes a fine for damages to property caused by dogs on land zoned for agricultural use.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 316 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 316</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, JDC</b>	Date: <b>2/23/23</b>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     
 Pass, with amendments 2311     
 Hold 2310     
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	<i>ml</i> <i>Went</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>

Recommendation:     
 Adopted     
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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