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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that public  
2 transportation serves as an essential resource for mobility,  
3 employment, education, healthcare, and community engagement,  
4 benefiting residents and visitors alike. The inclusion of  
5 companion animals in public transportation can enhance  
6 accessibility, reduce barriers for pet owners in need, and  
7 promote the humane treatment of animals. A survey of  
8 underserved areas conducted by the Hawaii Humane Society  
9 revealed that large portion of pet owners identified  
10 transportation limitations as a significant barrier to accessing  
11 veterinary care, pet-friendly housing, and other essential  
12 services.

13           The legislature further finds that comparable policies in  
14 metropolitan areas such as Boston, New York City, and  
15 Washington, D.C., have demonstrated that accommodating pets on  
16 public transportation is feasible with proper limitations and  
17 oversight to ensure the safety and comfort of all riders.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow service  
2 animals and non-service pet animals on mass transit systems in  
3 the State.

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
5 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
6 read as follows:

7           "§51-    **Animals on mass transit.** (a) Service animals, as  
8 defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, shall be allowed  
9 on any mass transit vehicle at all times.

10           (b) Non-service pet animals shall be allowed:

11           (1) During peak hours between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and  
12           9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00  
13           p.m.; provided that non-service pet animals shall be  
14           secured in an enclosed carrier that fits on the  
15           passenger's lap or under the seat without obstructing  
16           the aisles; and

17           (2) During off-peak hours; provided that larger dogs shall  
18           be securely leashed and not occupy seats or impede  
19           passenger movement.





# S.B. NO. 1025

**Report Title:**

Mass Transit; Service Animals; Non-Service Pet Animals

**Description:**

Allows service and non-service pet animals on mass transit vehicles under certain conditions.

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