STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii , 2025 MAR 19

S.B. No. 301 RE: S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 301, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish an additional penalty for a dog owner whose dog destroys property while on land zoned for agricultural use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Ponoholo Ranch; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the presence of uncontrolled dogs on agricultural lands poses a persistent threat to ranchers, livestock producers, and the broader agricultural industry. Incidents involving dogs attacking livestock, including cattle, sheep, and poultry, result in significant financial losses, operational disruptions, and undue distress to the affected animals. This measure strengthens statutory protections by imposing additional penalties on dog owners whose animals cause damage on agricultural lands, thereby enhancing deterrence,

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promoting responsible pet ownership, and ensuring the security and viability of agricultural operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

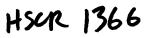
- Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 301, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 301, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems,

KIRSTIN KAHALOA, Chai

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-third Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

	Referral:	Date	: 3/14/	25
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAHALOA, Kirstin (C)	X			
2. KUSCH, Matthias (VC)				
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3. LOWEN, Nicole E.	X			
4. PERRUSO, Amy A.				11
5. QUINLAN, Sean				
6. WARD, Gene				\sim
TOTAL (6)	4			Ζ
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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