

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2025

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 301 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 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 Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. and six individuals.

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.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of April 23, 2057, to encourage further discussion.



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. 301, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 301, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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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)	X			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				X
CHANG, Stanley				X
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	X			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	2		1	2

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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