

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 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 Agriculture and Environment, 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 and intent of this measure is to establish an additional penalty for a dog owner whose dog destroys certain property while on land zoned for agricultural use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; McCandless Land and Cattle Co., LLC; Ulupalakua Ranch; and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that farms and other agricultural operations often incur injuries or damages to animals and other property from unleashed or improperly secured dogs. According to testimony received by your Committee, attacks on livestock not only cause significant animal suffering and distress, disrupt farm operations, and pose safety risks for farm workers and residents, but also can result in devastating and irretrievable losses and economic impacts for farmers and ranchers. Your Committee further finds that the additional penalty proposed by this measure will motivate dog owners to take more initiative in securing their dogs and prevent them from entering private agricultural lands without consent and causing injuries or damages to others' property. This



measure provides the necessary legal support to protect farmers and agricultural landowners from the significant burdens caused by unleashed or improperly secured dogs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 301, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 301 SDI</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">JDC, AEN</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/26/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton			X	
TOTAL	4		1	
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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