

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 667
H.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 Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 667, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Transportation or appropriate county department when disposing of a deceased cat or dog from a public roadway to scan the animal for a microchip, record certain information, and report that information to the appropriate county animal services or animal service contractors; and
- (2) Require certain county agencies to collaborate with the Department of Transportation in utilizing the Department's microchip scanners.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Hawaiian Humane Society, Action 4 Animals Hawaii, Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain, Lucky Paws Animal Foundation, and twenty-three individuals.

Your Committee finds that mandatory microchipping for pet cats and dogs has been required by the State since January 1, 2022. While microchips are registered with the owner's contact



information, employees of the state and county agencies responsible for disposing roadkill do not routinely scan the deceased animals for microchips or take any other measures to ascertain the animal's owner when dead cats and dogs have been killed on public roadways. By requiring appropriate state and county employees to scan an animal for a microchip, this measure will provide pet owners with closure if their missing pet is found deceased by state and county agencies.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 667, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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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
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Lorraine R. Inouye

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