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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY AND  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO INCREASE PENALTIES AND  
ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS FOR DOG ATTACKS ON LIVESTOCK.

1           WHEREAS, livestock production is an important contributor  
2 to the State's economy, food security, and land stewardship; and  
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4           WHEREAS, livestock producers responsibly manage their  
5 animals through fencing and low-stress handling techniques to  
6 ensure the animals' health and well-being; and  
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8           WHEREAS, uncontrolled dogs often harass, injure, or kill  
9 livestock, causing significant losses; and  
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11           WHEREAS, livestock producers experience severe financial  
12 and emotional impacts from dog attacks, as a single attack can  
13 result in the loss of up to eighty animals; now, therefore,  
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15           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,  
17 that the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and  
18 Department of Law Enforcement are requested to increase  
19 penalties and enforcement mechanisms for dog attacks on  
20 livestock; and  
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22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
24 Agriculture and Biosecurity and Director of Law Enforcement.  
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OFFERED BY:           *Hunt W. P. [Signature]*          

