

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1334  
H.D. 3  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1334, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEAT DONATION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to exempt the donation of wild game, including wild game meat products, to charitable, religious, or nonprofit organizations from certain laws regarding the inspection and transportation of meat for the purpose of feeding needy individuals.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the exemption from certain laws regarding the inspection and transportation of meat is for the



- donation of meat or meat products derived from axis deer, rather than wild game meat;
- (2) Establishing the new statutory provisions exempting the donation of meat or meat products from axis deer from certain laws regarding the inspection and transportation of meat as the Axis Deer Meat Donation Pilot Program (Pilot Program), to take effect on July 1, 2028;
  - (3) Requiring hunters to successfully complete a training and certification program established by the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, in consultation with the Department of Health, regarding safe field dressing, disease identification, and proper handling of axis deer prior to donating axis deer meat under the Pilot Program;
  - (4) Designating the Pilot Program to operate on an island with a population over 150,000 but less than 200,000;
  - (5) Providing that if a recognized outbreak of a known virus, as determined by the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, exists in the Pilot Program's location, the Pilot Program shall not continue until the outbreak is resolved;
  - (6) Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and Department of Health to jointly submit annual reports to the Legislature on the Pilot Program;
  - (7) Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to adopt rules to implement this measure, including rules establishing training, certification, and inspection requirements necessary for the implementation of the Pilot Program;
  - (8) Inserting a repeal date of June 30, 2033;
  - (9) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
  - (10) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your





Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1334, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1334, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

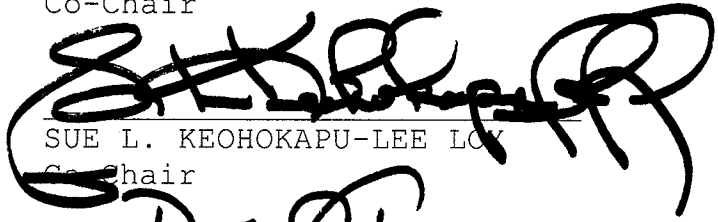
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