

Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: H.B. No. 1593
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1593 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require affordable rental housing development projects funded by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to allow residents to own or maintain common household pets, subject to reasonable conditions that protect health, safety, and property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaiian Humane Society; Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain; American Kennel Club; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the inability of many renters to keep their common household pets contributes to housing instability and leads to the unnecessary surrender of animals, which strains families and community shelter systems. Your Committee further finds that requiring pet-inclusive policies in affordable rental housing developments receiving assistance from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation will help



support residents' emotional well-being, reduce pet relinquishment, and promote stable tenancies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1593, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1593, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

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LUKE A. EVSLIN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1593</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HSG, CPC</i>	Date: <i>2/13/20</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVSLIN, Luke A. (C)	✓			
2. MIYAKE, Tyson K. (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
4. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
6. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
7. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
9. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
TOTAL (9)	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align:center;"><i>John Miyake</i></div>				
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