Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE:     S.B. No. 3010
        S.D. 2


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

Sir:

        Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 3010, S.D. 1, entitled:

        "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL ENDANGERMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

        The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

(1)     Allow law enforcement officers, animal control officers,
        and firefighters to enter an unattended vehicle to
        protect the health, safety, or well-being of a pet
        animal that is endangered by being left or confined in
        an unattended vehicle; and

(2)     Allow private citizens to rescue a pet animal that has
        been left in an unattended vehicle under certain
        circumstances.

        Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Animal Rights Hawaiʻi and four individuals.

        Your Committee finds that nationally, hundreds of pet animals
tragically die each year of heat stroke as a result of being left
in parked vehicles that quickly reach extreme temperatures.  This
risk is higher in the State due to its hotter year-round
temperatures.  Concerned citizens aware of the deadly risk to
these pets often hesitate to take life-saving actions for fear of

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civil or criminal liability. This measure will align the State with sixteen other states that have enacted "Good Samaritan" laws to help prevent unnecessary animal deaths.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 2.

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

_____
KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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| SB 3010 SD1 | PSM, JDC | 3/4/26 |

☐ 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RHOADS, Karl (C) | ✓ | | | |
| GABBARD, Mike (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| CHANG, Stanley | ✓ | | | |
| SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. | ✓ | | | |
| AWA, Brenton | ✓ | | | |
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Recommendation:　　☑ Adopted　　☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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