

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3415

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 71

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 71 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THIS BODY TO INTRODUCE AND PASS LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH STRICT LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO KEEP, HARBOR, OR FEED CERTAIN ANIMALS IN A MANNER THAT RESULTS IN DAMAGE TO PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Legislature to introduce and pass legislation establishing strict liability for individuals who keep, harbor, or feed chickens, ungulates, or felids in a manner that results in the animals damaging the property of another individual.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Animal Rights Hawai'i and two individuals.

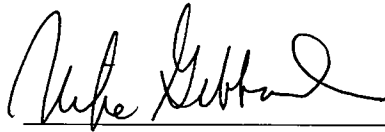
Your Committee finds that undomesticated chickens, ungulates, and felids are frequently the cause of excessive noise, sanitation issues, other pest proliferation, and harm to public facilities and local communities. Despite their ability to damage gardens, landscaping, and private property, there is currently no existing state law that addresses the damage caused by these feral



population that are intentionally kept, harbored, or fed by individuals. This measure represents significant progress towards resolving a decades long, statewide problem.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 71 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 71	Committee Referral: AEN	Date: 3-27-26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
RHOADS, Karl			X	
AWA, Brenton				X
TOTAL	2		1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes