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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE UNITED KINGDOM'S DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD, AND RURAL AFFAIRS' ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICIES, STANDARDS, AND PROCEDURES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the only state in the United States that
2 is rabies-free; and
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4 WHEREAS, the introduction of rabies would have an adverse
5 affect not only on public health, but also on Hawaii's unique
6 eco-system and tourism; and
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8 WHEREAS, to prevent rabies from entering the State,
9 existing law requires that dogs, cats, and other carnivores
10 complete a one-hundred-twenty-day quarantine, unless the animal
11 meets all of the requirements for the 5-Day-or-Less early
12 release program; and
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14 WHEREAS, the United Kingdom, like Hawaii, is rabies-free;
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17 WHEREAS, the United Kingdom has recently changed its animal
18 quarantine standards, policies, and procedures to allow animals
19 to enter the United Kingdom without any quarantine, so long as
20 certain requirements are met; and
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22 WHEREAS, unlike Hawaii, to qualify for a quarantine
23 exemption or a shorter period of quarantine, the United Kingdom
24 does not require dogs, cats, or other carnivores to undergo a
25 World Organization for Animal Health, or OIE, rabies virus
26 antibody test within a specified time period prior to arrival if
27 the animal originates from a country that the United Kingdom has
28 identified as having a low incidence of rabies; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
32 that the Department of Agriculture is requested to form a
33 working group to determine the feasibility of implementing the



1 United Kingdom's Department of Environment, Food, and Rural
2 Affairs' animal quarantine policies, standards, and procedures
3 in Hawaii; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
6 report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
8 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
12 Agriculture.
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OFFERED BY: _____



By Request

