

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 920

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 18, 2015

RE: H.R. No. 35
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.R. No. 35 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT TO ASSESS CURRENT OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S ANIMAL QUARANTINE STATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to review Hawaii's laws relating to quarantine facilities by requesting the State Auditor to conduct an audit, in consultation with interested stakeholders, to assess the current operations and procedures at the Department of Agriculture's Animal Quarantine Station and submit a report of findings and recommendations.

The Hawaiian Humane Society, Animal Rights Hawai'i, and three concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing its title to read:

"REQUESTING A PROGRESS REPORT AND PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL QUARANTINE STATION";

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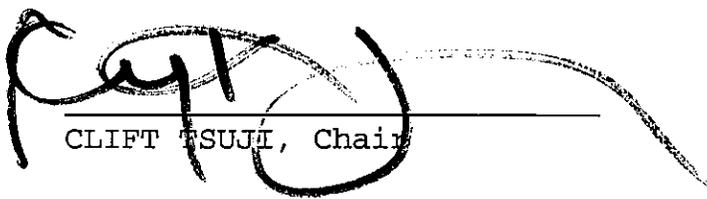


- (2) Deleting the provisions relating to the audit of the Animal Quarantine Station and in place thereof, requesting the Department of Agriculture to submit a status report on its actions and timeline to implement recommendations resulting from an inspection by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture;
- (3) Making conforming amendments necessitated by the new purpose of the measure; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

Your Committee requests that the Department of Agriculture conduct unannounced inspections of its Animal Quarantine Station, keep statistics on the reasons for placing an animal in quarantine, and provide any other information that may be useful to this Committee in determining whether operational and other changes should be implemented at the Animal Quarantine Station.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 35, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 35, H.D. 1.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 35	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 3/13/15		
<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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	✓			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
7. ITO, Ken				✓
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
9. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
10. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani				✓
14. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (14)	11	0	0	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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