

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

416

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1162

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1162 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PET BOARDING FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to regulate pet boarding facilities by establishing a new chapter in the Hawaii Revised Statutes that provides physical and operational requirements for pet boarding facilities, imposes penalties, and requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to adopt necessary rules to administer the facilities.

Animal Rights Hawai'i and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. DOA, Pacific Pet Alliance, and a concerned individual opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2150, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.



Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary to consider and take appropriate action on the concerns expressed in the testimony of DOA and Pacific Pet Alliance.

DOA believes that this measure does not involve agriculture and should be administratively attached to an agency that has a related jurisdictional scope. Your Committee recommends that the regulation of pet boarding facilities be placed within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

The Pacific Pet Alliance testified that the measure's requirements relating to fire safety systems are overly onerous for small businesses. The required systems are typically found in hospitals and nursing homes. By comparison, the fire safety provision in this measure exceeds the Department of Health's requirements for adult residential care homes for the elderly and disabled, which only require battery-operated or hardwired smoke alarms. Finally, according to the Alliance, many kennel operators have established processes and procedures to address the care of the animals in their facilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1162, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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


RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The THIRTIETH Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1162</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AGR, JUD</i>	Date: <i>2-8-19</i>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)	✓			
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida				✓
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. HOLT, Daniel				✓
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓	<i>None</i>		
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (8)	6	0	0	2

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Lynn DeCoite*

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