

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2535**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2473

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2473 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUIDE DOGS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the planning and design of a professional training facility for guide dogs and other professionally trained career dogs on a designated portion of the state animal quarantine facility in Halawa Valley on Oahu.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Department of Agriculture, Guide Dogs of Hawaii, and nine individuals.

Your Committees find that professionally trained guide dogs, services, and assistive aids for Hawaii's blind and visually impaired community yields higher employment with less need for lifetime support services for youth and greater independence and mobility for adults and seniors, thus minimizing the need for long term home and nursing care as well as fewer burdens to family, friends, and the community.

Your Committees further find that only half of the twenty-nine-acre site of the state animal quarantine facility in lower Halawa valley has been slated for use by the Department of Public Safety as the location for the new Oahu Community Correctional



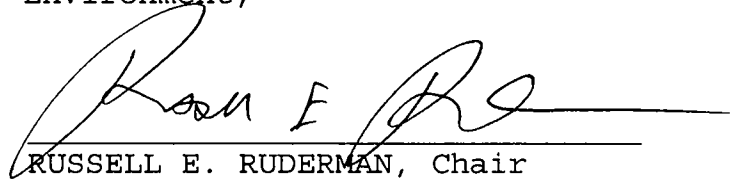
Center. An environmental impact statement has already been prepared for the site, which allows the State to repurpose the remainder of the site for public benefit. This site is well-suited to be the location of a guide dog training facility to reduce the dependence upon the importation of professionally trained guide dogs from elsewhere.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2473 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



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<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Karl Rhoads				
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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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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