

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1215

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 25 2021**

RE: H.B. No. 156

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 156 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the requirement that the County of Kaua'i contract solely with the Kaua'i Humane Society for the provision of animal control services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Finance of the County of Kaua'i, Animal Rights Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that section 143-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the County of Kaua'i to contract solely with the Kaua'i Humane Society for animal control services. Your Committee further finds that this requirement has been superseded by the County's ability to offer public contracts to other animal control service providers, and thus is outdated and no longer relevant to the State's needs. Your Committee additionally finds that construction of the animal shelter or "dog pound" authorized by section 143-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has been completed, making the provision no longer necessary.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.



No. 156, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



