

**REPORT OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE**

Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; Nestor R. Garcia, Vice-Chair  
Todd K. Apo, Romy M. Cachola, Charles K. Djou, Members

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Committee Meeting Held  
January 9, 2007

Honorable Barbara Marshall  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Madam Chair:

Your Committee on Public Health, Safety & Welfare, which considered Bill 89 (2006) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF DOG BITES,"

which passed first reading at the December 13, 2006 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Bill is to require the reporting of dog bite incidents.

Your Committee heard testimony from the representatives of the Department of Customer Services, Hawaiian Humane Society, Honolulu Police Department and Emergency Services Department supporting the Bill. Public testimony opposing the measure was also heard and received.

There was a short discussion on requiring the Honolulu Police Department to photo document each dog bite incident, but it was agreed by committee members to leave it to the discretion of HPD.

Councilmember Cachola raised concerns about the additional costs to health care providers by requiring licensed, registered, or certified medical provider to document all incidents of bodily injury from dog bites.

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8

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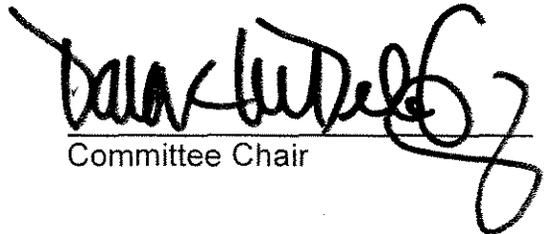
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Your Committee amended the Bill to accommodate the concern expressed by the representative from the Department of Customer Services regarding the City retaining ownership of the report data. The Bill was amended to replace the word "agency" with "contractor" to ensure that should the current agency handling the City's animal care contract be changed, the dog bite report data would remain with the City. Ms. Pamela Burns, representing the Hawaii Humane Society, also suggested that the provision of collecting and maintaining dog bite data be stated in the animal control contractor's contract. Your committee further amended the bill to provide that information in the dog bite reports that is prohibited from disclosure under HRS Chapter 92F be redacted prior to the reports being made available to the public for their inspection.

Your Committee on Public Health, Safety & Welfare is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 89 (2006), as amended herein, and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for a public hearing and be referred back to Committee in the form attached hereto as Bill 89 (2006), CD1. (Ayes: Dela Cruz, Apo, Djou, Garcia - 4; Noes: Cachola - 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF DOG BITES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to require the reporting of dog bite incidents.

SECTION 2. Chapter 7, Article 7, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Regulation of Dangerous Dogs"), is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated by the revisor of ordinances and to read as follows:

**"Sec. 7-7. Mandatory reporting of dog bites.**

- (a) All incidents of bodily injury from a dog bite shall be reported to the Honolulu police department by:
- (1) Any licensed, registered, or certified medical service provider regarding their treatment of a person, as permitted under the regulations implementing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, specifically, 45 CFR 164.512(f)(1); and
  - (2) Any veterinarian, regarding their treatment of an animal.
- (b) The police department shall forward each reported incident to the animal control contractor for investigation, and the animal control contractor shall make a determination whether the dog involved is a dangerous dog, prepare a report, and maintain a file of all reports. The reports shall be made available to the public for public inspection, except that information whose disclosure is prohibited by Chapter 92F, HRS, shall be redacted by the contractor prior to the reports being made available to the public for public inspection."

SECTION 3. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the revisor of ordinances need not include the underscoring.



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Charles Djou (BR)

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

December 06, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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MUFU HANNEMANN, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu