

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
**HUMAN SERVICES AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

November 15, 2002

Committee

Report No. 02-170

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Human Services and Economic Development Committee, having met on October 31, 2002, makes reference to County Communication No. 02-207, from the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO DOG REGULATIONS--DANGEROUS DOGS, IMPOUNDMENT AND PENALTIES".

The purposes of the proposed bill are to clarify that dogs designated as "vicious" dogs prior to the enactment of Ordinance No. 2922 shall be redesignated as "dangerous dogs", and incorporate various technical amendments.

Your Committee notes that Ordinance No. 2922 was enacted in December 2000. The purposes of the ordinance were to: (1) add new definitions to Chapter 6.04 of the Maui County Code pertaining to animal control, most notably, to add a "dangerous dog" definition, and to delete the "vicious dog" definition; (2) add to the conditions under which a dangerous dog must be kept; (3) create an animal control board that would hear dangerous dog-related matters; and (4) implement wide-ranging penalties and fines based upon the type of dangerous dog violation.

At its meeting, your Committee met with two Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Aimee Anderson, Animal Control Supervisor of the Maui Humane Society.

Ms. Anderson provided an overview of the proposed bill. She informed your Committee that the bill amends Section 6.04.045, Maui County Code, relating to dog regulations--dangerous dogs, to incorporate technical amendments, and to clarify sections that were overlooked in Ordinance No. 2922. Ms. Anderson noted that the proposed bill: (1) describes the responsibilities of owners of dangerous dogs regarding change of address and

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confinement of dangerous dogs; (2) adds a new subsection to clarify that dogs designated as vicious dogs prior to the enactment of Ordinance No. 2922 be redesignated as dangerous dogs; (3) changes "Humane Society" to "humane society"; and (4) changes "vicious" to "dangerous" in various sections of the bill.

After a brief discussion, your Committee voted to recommend passage of the proposed bill on first reading and filing of the communication.

Your Human Services and Economic Development Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ (2002), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO DOG REGULATIONS--DANGEROUS DOGS, IMPOUNDMENT AND PENALTIES" be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 02-207 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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