

FACT SHEET

HB 547 / SB 1023

SPAY AND NEUTER SPECIAL FUND

Addresses pet overpopulation through the creation of statewide funding sources to be used for grants administered by experts in state administration, animal welfare and veterinary care.

WHAT IT DOES

- Establishes a statewide special fund for pet population control with multiple funding sources
- Forms an advisory committee to manage the fund
- Harnesses the commitment of volunteers across the state who are willing to trap cats for spay/neuter services
- Aims to reduce pet overpopulation and the number of Free-Roaming cats statewide

HOW IT WORKS

- Establishes five-member advisory committee
- Includes representatives from:
 - Department of Budget and Finance
 - Hawai'i Animal Welfare Association
 - Hawai'i Veterinary Medical Association
 - Non-profit animal welfare organizations

WHAT IT DOES NOT

- Require pet owners to spay/neuter their pets
- Increase the number of cats living outdoors
- Force anyone to contribute to the fund



HOW IT WILL BE FUNDED

- Optional state income tax refund check-off
- Special license plate sales
- Legislative appropriations
- Private donations

POTENTIAL IMPACT IF NOT ENACTED

- Continued pet population growth
- Higher euthanasia rates
- Increased strain on animal welfare resources
- Persistent challenges in managing Free-Roaming cat populations
- Missed opportunity for community-driven population control

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HawaiianHumane.org/advocacy



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