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SB 1647
HARBORING MONGOOSE

Statement for
House Committee on
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SB 1647 would amend HRS 142-93 a section prohibiting harboring a mongoose except by special permission. This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The bill proposes to replace the present penalties of a fine of up to \$50 or imprisonment for up to 50 days with penalties provided in HRS 142-12. The penalties provided there are a fine of up to \$1000 or imprisonment for up to a year. As we have pointed out in a statement on HB 2680 presented to your committee on February 12, it has long been recognized that the detrimental effect of the mongoose far outweigh the benefits. However, we doubt that the detriments or the chances of persons harboring mongoose are so great as to justify the proposed high penalties.