PURR-fect Prison Companions

At the Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua, second chances come with tiny paws and big hearts. Through a new pilot program with the Hawaiian Humane Society, incarcerated women are fostering kittens in need of love and care. They help the animals prepare for adoption, while the women gain compassion, confidence, and responsibility.

Transforming Animal and Incarcerated Individuals' Lives (TAIIL), a year-long program, was initiated by Senator Wakai, who secured \$50,000 to launch the program last week.

Pawsitive changes in progress!

Inmates with their new foster furr-ends

"This is such an innovative and cost effective way to rehabilitate broken lives," says Sen. Wakai. "This is step one. We plan to take dogs into Halawa Prison next year."

Combatting Alcohol During Pregnancy



Sen. Wakai has been supporting Foster Village resident, Darlyn Scoval for 9 years

Advocates, families, and community members gathered at the Hawai'i State Capitol last Tuesday for the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Rally — a powerful call to action during FASD Awareness Month.

FASD affects thousands in Hawai'i, but too often go unseen. This rally was a vibrant reminder: awareness matters. So do resources, support, and policy change.

September is FASD Awareness Month. Recent legislation sought the following:

- better screening and diagnosis
- more education and resources
- -stronger support systems for affected individuals and families.