
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT OUTREACH AND
EDUCATION REGARDING ANIMAL CRUELTY.

1 WHEREAS, dogs in Hawaii and the United States of America
2 are loyal companions, faithful workers who serve and protect,
3 and are affectionately known as "man's best friend"; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii is blessed with K-9 units that have made
6 several large drug busts at our airports; preventing kilos of
7 crystal meth from reaching our islands' people; and
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9 WHEREAS, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has more than
10 800 canine teams that work with the U.S. Department of Homeland
11 Security to combat terrorist threats, stop the flow of illegal
12 narcotics, and detect unreported currency, concealed humans, or
13 smuggled agriculture products; and
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15 WHEREAS, the U.S. Military utilizes dogs to brave
16 situations in war; finding mines, locating the enemy, and search
17 and rescue; vital in detecting potential explosives at large
18 scale events like the Olympics, Presidential debates, and
19 economic conferences; and
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21 WHEREAS, people with disabilities in Hawaii rely on dogs to
22 provide living assistance as guide dogs, hearing dogs, service
23 dogs, and in other capacities as well; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed
26 into law in 1990, guarantees people with disabilities the right
27 to be accompanied by a service animal in all areas open to the
28 general public; and
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30 WHEREAS, search and rescue dogs can identify a suspect or
31 missing person's scent and microscopic particles; dogs have a
32 superior sense of smell at concentrations of nearly 100 million



1 times lower than humans; extremely valuable in dark situations,
2 heavy dense woods, disaster debris, and under water; and
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4 WHEREAS, working in horrific and distressing emergency
5 situations disaster search dogs play a key role in finding
6 survivors and victims of earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes,
7 fires, explosions, plane and train wrecks; and
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9 WHEREAS, in the agricultural field dogs herd and head
10 cattle and sheep, patrolling boundaries and protecting crops;
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13 WHEREAS, research shows dogs in the presence of patients
14 suffering from physical, emotional, and social conditions, aid
15 in increasing the possibility of recovery; and
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17 WHEREAS, dogs help to lower blood pressure, decrease serum
18 cholesterol, relieve anxiety in people and possess the ability
19 to sniff out cancer and detect the onset of seizures; and
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii is known throughout the world as home to people
22 of many ethnicities and cultures, with newcomers to our shores
23 coming from different countries bringing different values and
24 perspectives; and
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26 WHEREAS, as is the case in any community, without outreach
27 and education to bring about understanding and appreciation of
28 differing values, conflict can arise; and
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30 WHEREAS, recently there have been several high profile
31 cases of animal cruelty and consumption of dog in the State,
32 causing trauma to our children and distress to our community at
33 large, which holds one of the largest per capita pet dog
34 ownerships in the nation; now, therefore,
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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
37 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
38 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that a task force is
39 requested to be convened to create a strategic and
40 implementation plan, including potential legislation, to conduct
41 outreach and education regarding animal cruelty and the



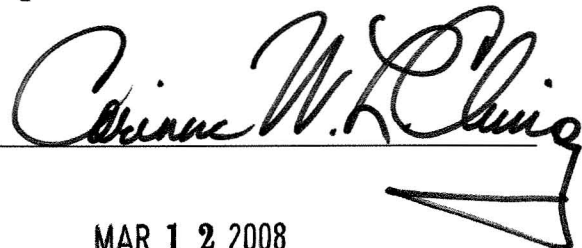
1 important, positive role and image the dog represents in Hawaii
2 and the Nation; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the members of the task force
5 include a representative from the following organizations and
6 agencies: the Attorney General, the Prosecutor's Office of each
7 county, the Public Defender, the Police Chiefs of each county,
8 the Humane Society of Hawaii, the Office of Language Access, and
9 the Department of Health; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategic plan,
12 implementation plan, and any proposed legislation, be submitted
13 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
14 convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,
18 the Prosecutor's Office of each county, the Public Defender, the
19 Police chiefs of each county, the Humane Society of Hawaii, the
20 Office of Language Access, and the Department of Health.
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OFFERED BY:


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