
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that residents of the
2 State have historically enjoyed the shoreline and the ocean,
3 often accompanied by their pet dogs. As the demand for
4 shoreline resources has increased to accommodate more people,
5 new shoreline regulations have resulted in limiting shoreline
6 areas for residents with pet dogs.

7 The purpose of this Act is to set aside designated areas in
8 state parks along the shoreline to allow residents to enjoy
9 these areas with their pet dogs.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§184- Dogs permitted in state parks. (a) Dogs shall
14 be permitted in state parks, in designated areas that have
15 access to the shoreline; provided that:

16 (1) The dog is under the control of a person by means of a
17 leash, cord, chain, or other similar means of physical
18 restraint at all times; and



1 (2) The leash, cord, chain, or other means of restraint is
2 not more than eight feet in length.

3 (b) The person in control of the dog shall be responsible
4 for the proper disposal of any fecal waste left by the dog in
5 the state park.

6 (c) For the purposes of this section, the term "state
7 parks" shall not include any area designated as a part of the
8 Hawaii natural area reserves system established under chapter
9 195.

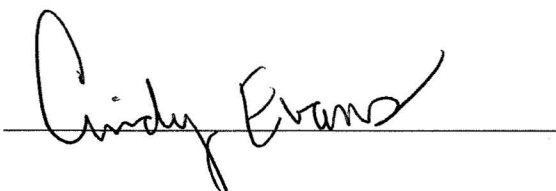
10 (d) The State shall not be liable for any civil damages
11 for any injury to any person or any damage to any property
12 caused by any dog in a state park, unless the injury or damage
13 results from the gross negligence or wilful or wanton act or
14 omission by a state officer or employee.

15 (e) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
16 to effectuate this section, including fines for violation of
17 this section; provided that no fine shall exceed \$ _____."

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



Report Title:

State Parks; Dogs

Description:

Allows restrained dogs in state parks in designated areas that have access to the shoreline; limits the State's liability.

