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Subject: HCR 60
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Madam chair Okuda and Chairman Hee,

STRONGLY OPPOSE RESOLUTION HCR 60

As life time hunters of the big island, we strongly oppose banning the use of hunting dogs in public hunting areas. Let the key word resonate loudly....

PUBLIC **HUNTING** AREAS...

If pet owners want to walk their dogs, there are MANY, MANY other public places designated for this. There are places they can walk their dogs where hunters are NOT allowed. With the way our economy is now...it's pathetic to see our tax payers money trying to please the RICH who CHOOSE to walk their dogs in public HUNTING areas instead of more important matters.

Come on ... your salaries are being paid by ALL tax payers...stop wasting MY hard earned money on such silly little complaints.

Hunting is a way of substinance for MANY local families. Because of all the "improvements" and "developments" on the islands, pig dogs are needed to locate and hold the pigs for capture. REMEMBER.....this is FOOD for our keiki...would you rather our families all turn for welfare assistance instead of providing for themselves??

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW RESOLUTION HCR 60 TO MOVE FORWARD !!!
Stop depleting our Hawaiian culture to please a few!!

Aloha

From: [Jeff DeVilbiss](#)
To: [HRE Testimony](#); [All Senators](#); [All Reps](#)
Subject: hcr 60 safe use of hunting dogs on trails
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2009 1:45:37 PM

Dear Chairs and Madam Chairs,

As an outdoor enthusiast, and hunter I strongly oppose resolution HCR 60 and I ask you to do the same.

HCR 60 states that "hunting dogs are trained to aggressively pursue all animals, without distinction between wild animals and pet dogs." This statement is FALSE. Hunting dogs are just as trainable as pet dogs, but it is the responsibility of the hunter to teach his/her dogs the difference between 'prey' and 'friend'. My dogs are trained from a very young age to avoid livestock.

HCR 60 also states that "lost, injured, and neglected hunting dogs at times end up at local animal shelters without any permanent identification, making it difficult to reunite them with their owners and generating additional expenses for taxpayers" While this is true the statement is equally true for pet dogs, infact the number of stray/non-hunting dogs in a shelter at any given time is far greater than 'hunting' dogs.

HCR 60 recomends "a dialogue among the various groups that are affected by the presence of hunting dogs on public hiking trails". HCR 60 recommends 11 groups to be included in the working group, only 2 represent the hunting community while the majority of the remaining groups are known to have an anti-hunting stance.

In a presentation to the Kailua Neighborhood Board, Linda Vannatta, of Citizens for Safe Hiking admitted that "there had been no direct contact with hunters" regarding this issue. In the same presentation, Vannatta stated that "37 of 40 public hiking trails on Oahu allow hunting with dogs". While DLNR/Na Ala Hele recognizes 40 trails, they list only 12 as hunting access trails, all other hiking trails are outside of public hunting units. It is common knowledge that there are far more than 40 trails on Oahu which are open to hiking but are not recognized by state agencies.

In conclusion I would like to say that I oppose HCR 60 because the information presented to the Neighborhood Boards and within the resolution itself is incomplete, poorly researched, baiased and false in the eyes of ethical hunters. I strongly oppose resolution HCR 60 and I ask you to do the same.

Sincerely,
Jeff DeVilbiss

From: [kasey cabison](#)
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