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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CREATE RULES TO ALLOW  
DOGS TO ACCOMPANY OWNERS IN OUTDOOR DINING AREAS AND THE  
WORKPLACE.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Health has previously  
2 interpreted Administrative Rules §11-12-47(e) to prevent dogs  
3 from being allowed in outdoor dining areas of restaurants; and  
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5           WHEREAS, numerous restaurants in Hawaii support and allow  
6 dog owners to bring their dogs to dine in outdoor dining areas;  
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9           WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, 40% of the households share their  
10 homes and lives with dogs for a total of 206,130 dogs. This  
11 number keeps increasing as individuals realize how important  
12 animal companionship is in making our lives whole; and  
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14           WHEREAS, many enlightened jurisdictions currently allow  
15 dogs to dine outdoors with their families with the restaurant  
16 owner's consent; and  
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18           WHEREAS, allowing dogs to dine with their owners in outside  
19 dining areas could help in offsetting the tough economic times  
20 as an owner who is taking their dog for a walk can stop by a  
21 restaurant and have a meal, instead of taking their dog home  
22 before eating; and  
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24           WHEREAS, dogs are recognized as playing a vital role in  
25 improving and enhancing the lives of people and improving the  
26 quality of life for many, especially those suffering from  
27 illnesses; and  
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29           WHEREAS, the comfort and improvement in a dog owners  
30 quality of life can be translated to the workplace, if they are  
31 allowed to have their dogs with them; and



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WHEREAS, some communities, such as San Diego, understand the importance of animals in our daily lives and activities and have dedicated beaches for sole use by dogs and their owners; and

WHEREAS, some communities, such as the City and County of Honolulu have dedicated parks for sole use by dogs and their owners; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, that the Department of Health is urged to create rules to allow dogs to dine with their owners in outside dining areas, with the restaurant's consent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Department of Health is urged to create rules to allow dogs to be brought into the workplace with the employer's consent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Health.

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