
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE STRATEGIES TO ALLOW DOGS
IN PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS AND BARS.

1 WHEREAS, many jurisdictions on the Mainland United States
2 and in Europe allow customers to bring dogs into restaurants and
3 bars; and

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5 WHEREAS, a recent national poll found that more than ninety
6 percent of pet owners considered their pets to be members of
7 their families; and

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9 WHEREAS, spending time with pets has been found to relieve
10 stress and anger and to have other positive health benefits; and

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12 WHEREAS, sixty percent of Oahu households include pets,
13 with dog ownership having substantially increased over the last
14 two decades; and

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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii dog owners seek opportunities to spend
17 quality time with their animals; and

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19 WHEREAS, an important concern for stakeholders is to ensure
20 the safety of service animals if dogs are allowed in restaurants
21 and bars; and

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23 WHEREAS, addressing food safety and health concerns is also
24 of primary importance; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2014, that is requested to establish
29 the Dogs in Restaurants and Bars Working Group; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and
32 the Disability and Communication Access Board is requested to
33 participate in the working group; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that is requested to
2 invite representatives from the following groups to participate
3 in the working group:

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- 5 (1) Hawaiian Humane Society;
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- 7 (2) Humane Society of the United States;
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- 9 (3) Hawaii Restaurant Association;
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- 11 (4) Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association;
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- 13 (5) American Kennel Club; and
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- 15 (6) A restaurant that currently allows dogs; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dogs in Restaurants and
18 Bars Working Group is requested to explore strategies and
19 develop recommendations that will allow dogs to be welcomed in
20 participating restaurants and bars while ensuring the health and
21 safety of both humans and animals; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dogs in Restaurants and
24 Bars Working Group is requested to submit a report of its
25 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
26 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
27 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to , the Director
31 of Health, and the Executive Director of the Disability and
32 Communication Access Board; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that is requested to
35 transmit copies of this Resolution to the groups enumerated in
36 this measure.

