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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, many jurisdictions in the Continental United  
2 States and in Europe allow customers to bring dogs into  
3 restaurants and 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 when considering allowing dogs in  
25 restaurants and bars; now, therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
29 Session of 2014, that the Hawaiian Humane Society is requested  
30 to establish and participate in the Dogs in Restaurants and Bars  
31 Working Group; and  
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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and  
34 the Disability and Communication Access Board is requested to  
35 participate in the working group; and



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

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

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

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

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

