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March 31, 2014

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

House Concurrent Resolution 89, HD1/House Resolution 64, HD1 – Establishing a Working Group to Explore Strategies to Allow Dogs in Participating Restaurants and Bars

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent of House Concurrent Resolution 89, HD1/House Resolution 64, HD1 – Establishing a Working Group to Explore Strategies to Allow Dogs in Participating Restaurants and Bars.

DCAB provides technical assistance relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and one major ADA issue our office deals with is service animals. Under the ADA, the definition for service animals is so broad that DCAB staff responds to approximately fifteen to twenty calls a week from private businesses, government agencies, and people with disabilities and their families asking how to identify a service animal or how to get a dog certified as a service animal. We acknowledge the extreme frustration over real and potential abuse due to the lack of identification and certification of service animals.

We are willing to serve as a participant on the working group. However we have a concern that the only mention of service animals is on page 1, lines 18–20 and that people with disabilities who use service animals are not included as participants on the working group other than our office. We suggest that a representative with a disability who uses a service animal and from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center are added to the list of participants of the working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director



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Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

**HCR 89, HD1, ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE
STRATEGIES TO ALLOW DOGS IN PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS AND
BARS**

**Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

**March 31, 2014
2:00 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The department supports this concurrent resolution with reservations and
2 offers comments.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Passage of this measure in its present form will require a substantial commitment
4 of manpower that the department would like to allocate to other priorities.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The department's food safety program is currently very busy as it
6 implements new administrative rules. We respectfully request the department not be considered the
7 primary lead of the proposed working group. The department is willing to participate regularly with
8 any working group on this subject but tasking the department as lead at this time will strain the already
9 limited resources and potentially compromise a smooth transition from the old to new food safety rules.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of HCR 89 HD1/HR 69 HD1 Establishing a Working Group to Explore Strategies to Allow Dogs in Participating Restaurants and Bars

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami and Members of the Committee:

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We look forward to working with the Department of Health, the Hawaii Restaurant Association and the other agencies listed in the resolution to find common ground, work through our differences and develop recommendations that we all believe are in the best interest of our communities.

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I would like to thank you for your consideration and urge you to pass HCR 89 and HR 64.



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HR64

Submitted on: 3/27/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marielle Terbio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Bonnie Oda	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Fowler	Individual	Support	No

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Natalie Lukashevsky	Individual	Support	No

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Genie Joseph	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Fowler	Individual	Support	No

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Aleisha Swartz	Individual	Support	No

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Tina Kimmons	Individual	Support	No

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Ronaele Whittington	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Thank you

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Donna Whitaker	Hawaii Island Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: Although we believe DOH is the appropriate agency to run the working group, the Hawaiian Humane Society has volunteered to convene the working group if needed. We support the resolution and believe the majority of dog owners do too. There are many reasons we believe these resolutions are important. Such as: · Sixty percent of Oahu’s households have a pet and pet ownership has substantially increased in the last 20 years; · Ninety-one percent of owners consider pets as a member of the family and want to spend quality time with them; · Pets can provide positive health benefits to people including helping to relieve stress and anger, and, · Most pet owners are responsible and know not to bring a pet into an establishment if the animal does not behave. Respectfully submitted, Donna Whitaker Hawaii Island Humane Society

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