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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COLLABORATIVELY WORK WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY AND ESTABLISH OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS ON THE WINDWARD SIDE OF OAHU.

1           WHEREAS, according to the American Veterinary Medical  
2 Association, the national average for households owning at least  
3 one dog is 36.5 percent; however, pet ownership on Oahu is much  
4 higher, with at least 60 percent of household owning at least  
5 one dog or cat; and

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7           WHEREAS, off-leash parks are good for dogs, their  
8 guardians, and the whole community, as these parks provide  
9 opportunities for physical and mental exercise, as well as  
10 opportunities to develop and maintain social skills, for dogs  
11 and their owners; and

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13           WHEREAS, there are limited places to take dogs on the  
14 Windward side of Oahu, where there are six parks where only  
15 leashed dogs are allowed; and

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17           WHEREAS, there are only five off-leash dog parks on the  
18 island of Oahu, none of which are on the Windward side of the  
19 island; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Windward Dog Park Hui has been actively  
22 searching for suitable places to establish off-leash dog parks  
23 in their community; and

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25           WHEREAS, off-leash dog parks, whether privately or publicly  
26 owned, are maintained by volunteers and require users to pick up  
27 after their dogs so that all park users can enjoy a clean and  
28 safe environment; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 3 of 2017, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and  
 4 Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of  
 5 Honolulu are encouraged to collaboratively work with community  
 6 stakeholders to identify and establish off-leash dog parks on  
 7 the Windward side of Oahu; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 10 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 11 Land and Natural Resources, Director of the Department of Parks  
 12 and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu, and the  
 13 Chairperson of the Advisory Board of Parks and Recreation.  
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