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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE  
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  
IN METROPOLITAN HONOLULU.

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 households owning at least  
5 one dog or cat; and  
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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii's dog owners represent over one third of  
8 the population and pet owners in Hawaii spend over \$90,000,000 a  
9 year on pet-related expenses such as food, supplies,  
10 veterinarians, and groomers and make a large contribution to  
11 Hawaii's tax base; and  
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13 WHEREAS, in the Honolulu metropolitan area, only 5 off-  
14 leash dog parks exist to serve 143,000 dog owners; and  
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16 WHEREAS, dog parks improve the quality of life for dog  
17 owners as well as for their dogs, promote a healthy lifestyle  
18 for people and pets, add to our sense of community, and help to  
19 promote responsible dog ownership; and  
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21 WHEREAS, dogs who do not have outlets for their physical  
22 and mental energy may become nuisance barkers, escape artists,  
23 or develop other destructive behaviors; and  
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25 WHEREAS, dogs have an inherent need for regular exercise  
26 and socialization and the single most important factor in making  
27 dogs friendly and well-behaved is frequent interaction with both  
28 people and other dogs; and



1 WHEREAS, as leash laws continue to become increasingly  
 2 restrictive, residents see dog parks as a way to let dogs run  
 3 free without penalty to pet owners or damage to private  
 4 property; and

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 6 WHEREAS, off-leash dog parks, whether privately or publicly  
 7 owned, are maintained by volunteers and require users to pick up  
 8 after their dogs so that all park users can enjoy a clean and  
 9 safe environment; and

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 11 WHEREAS, Hui 'Ilio Hawaii has been actively supporting local  
 12 dog park groups and aiding in the search for suitable places to  
 13 establish off-leash dog parks in their respective communities;  
 14 now, therefore,

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 16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 17 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 18 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
 19 Natural Resources and Department of Parks and Recreation of the  
 20 City and County of Honolulu are encouraged to collaboratively  
 21 work with community stakeholders to identify and establish off-  
 22 leash dog parks within urban areas of metropolitan Honolulu; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 26 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director of the Department  
 27 of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu, and  
 28 the Chairperson of the Advisory Board of Parks and Recreation of  
 29 the City and County of Honolulu.

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