

Dear Honorable Members,

My name is Chelsea Hamilton, and I attend Hawaii Pacific University. I'm writing to express my support for House Bill HR61, which proposes the establishment of an animal education and training complex in Kalaeloa Parklands. The bill is essential to resolving significant problems related to animal welfare, public safety, and community education.

Given the increasing abuse of animals and dog bites, establishing this training facility is a natural step forward. These incidents are primarily due to poor training and insufficient understanding of animal psychology. It is only equitable that we give these animals an opportunity for an improved future by giving their owners appropriate training and input.

As an animal rescue volunteer, I have noticed how an animal's behavior typically reflects its owner's care, training, and rules. Owners must be given the knowledge and means to better care for their pets. This proposed complex would not only benefit the pets of Oahu but would also provide much-needed support to owners who require guidance.

Advantages of the Proposed Complex:

Increased community outreach and education.

More funding to shelters to help reduce overcrowding.

Reduced numbers of animals turned into shelters.

Decreased dog bites and attacks.

Improved pet training and care knowledge so all pets get the lives they deserve.

In conclusion, promoting House Bill HR61 offers an opportunity to effect long-term societal change. This project is essential in improving the health of pets and their owners, thereby shaping a better, more responsible, and more compassionate society. I implore that you accord priority to its actualization and allocate the required funds to enable this dream to come true.

Thank you for considering this vital matter.

Sincerely, Chelsea Hamilton