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Date:            March 20, 2025

To:              Sen. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
                    Sen. Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair  
                    Committee on Health and Human Services

From:           Victor Lim, Legislative Lead

Subj:           SR 140 / SCR 171 DOH to Adopt Rules to Permit Restaurants to Allow Dogs

The Hawaii Restaurant Association, representing 4,000 plus eating and drinking places, supports the intent of SR 140 that request the Department of Health to adopt rules for restaurants to allow dogs in designated areas of their establishments while adhering to Health and Safety regulations.

We recommend that the following conditions are spelled out.

1.    It is the owner of the restaurant owner’s decision to allow dogs in the restaurant.
2.    Pet dogs are only allowed in outdoor dining areas.
3.    Pet dog must be on a leash or confined in a pet carrier under owner’s control at all times
4.    Pet dogs are not allowed on seats, benches or tables.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our concerns on this Resolution.



**SR-140**

Submitted on: 3/19/2025 4:05:55 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/24/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this. I'm disabled with MCS and have multiple allergies that can send me to the hospital when I'm exposed to different allergens. Because it is a disability this bill you are trying to pass is illegal because I would not have equal access as prescribed by the Americans with Disabilities Act. I know I'm not the only person in the state with this disability. It will open you up to multiple law suits. Please OPPOSE this flawed bill. Mahalo.