
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE STRATEGIES TO ALLOW DOGS
IN PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS AND BARS.

1 WHEREAS, many jurisdictions on the Mainland United States
2 and in Europe allow customers to bring dogs into restaurants and
3 bars; and

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5 WHEREAS, a recent national poll found that more than ninety
6 percent of pet owners considered their pets to be members of
7 their families; and

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9 WHEREAS, spending time with pets has been found to relieve
10 stress and anger and to have other positive health benefits; and

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12 WHEREAS, sixty percent of Oahu households include pets,
13 with dog ownership having substantially increased over the last
14 two decades; and

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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii dog owners seek opportunities to spend
17 quality time with their animals; and

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19 WHEREAS, an important concern for stakeholders is to ensure
20 the safety of service animals if dogs are allowed in restaurants
21 and bars; and

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23 WHEREAS, addressing food safety and health concerns is also
24 of primary importance; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that is
29 requested to establish the Dogs in Restaurants and Bars Working
30 Group; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and
2 the Disability and Communication Access Board is requested to
3 participate in the working group; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that is requested to
6 invite representatives from the following groups to participate
7 in the working group:

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9 (1) Hawaiian Humane Society;
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11 (2) Humane Society of the United States;
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13 (3) Hawaii Restaurant Association;
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15 (4) Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association;
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17 (5) American Kennel Club; and
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19 (6) A restaurant that currently allows dogs; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dogs in Restaurants and
22 Bars Working Group is requested to explore strategies and
23 develop recommendations that will allow dogs to be welcomed in
24 participating restaurants and bars while ensuring the health and
25 safety of both humans and animals; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dogs in Restaurants and
28 Bars Working Group is requested to submit a report of its
29 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
30 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
31 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to
35 the Director of Health, and the Executive Director of the
36 Disability and Communication Access Board; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that is requested to
39 transmit copies of this Concurrent Resolution to the groups
40 enumerated in this measure.

