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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 1:59:19 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine Watanabe	Testifying for West Oahu Kennel Club	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The West Oahu Kennel Club is an organization that puts on 4 all-breed conformation dog shows licensed by the American Kennel Club yearly. The club holds its shows at an elementary school over the weekend which gives us access to the space necessary to set up 2 50' x 50' rings and 2 20' x 40' tents for shade where the individual handlers can wait with their dogs for judging. Additionally, the exhibitors usually set up their own tents as a base for grooming their dogs before entering the ring.

As the Show Chairperson for the club, finding a school that could accommodate our shows after COVID was difficult. Since we have to apply for the AKC license at least 6 months in advance, we need to have a place that we know will be available to us. West Oahu Kennel Club is licensed by the American Kennel Club for the island of Oahu west of Red Hill. Having an area in the Kalaeloa parklands dedicated for dog activities would be ideal.

More importantly, it would be beneficial to have a secure location for people to learn more about their pets, congregate with fellow pet owners, and hold training classes for their pets without interfering with other people's enjoyment of the park.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 2:09:35 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lor. Maki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee members,

I strongly support this measure.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 2:23:55 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
sue chipperton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in **strong support of HCR68**, requesting the City to establish a **dedicated animal education and training complex** within the **Kalaeloa parklands**.

This facility would provide essential amenities, including **bathrooms, secure indoor meeting and exhibition rooms, food preparation areas, and secure storage spaces**. These storage areas could be rented for the safekeeping of necessary equipment for activities such as **obedience training, agility, FastCAT**, and other canine sports and educational events.

Creating this complex would not only support the needs of local pet owners and trainers but also foster responsible animal ownership and community engagement.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 2:38:24 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shawna Fujita	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's a fact, people love their pets. They have become such an important part of people's lives for many reasons. We especially saw this during COVID. Dogs shows and sports not only allows the general public to see a variety of dog breeds and opens avenues for education, it is also a way for the human animal bond to grow. To have a dedicated facility to put on these events would be priceless. I support this resolution.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 2:56:02 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pat Ferraris	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support HCR68 and ask for your support as this vital dedication on Oahu.

Mahalo for your support,

Pat Ferraris

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 3:20:16 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynne Short	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We as dog owners/competitors need a permanent location to hold dog events, store equipment and a place we can depend on to always be available for events. Currently we have to work with the City & County and State and sometimes its quite cumbersome getting approvals. Also, finding locations are very limited as most parks are not pet friendly. Having a set location for our dog events would be a HUGE benefit to the dog community!

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 3:37:10 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Matsusaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

An animal education and training complex would be a great addition to Oahu's parks. Right now it is very difficult to find space to hold dog sports, which are beneficial to dogs and people of all ages.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 4:15:12 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catalino Degala	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HCR68. It's been very difficult securing dog events at DPR dog friendly dog parks. A dedicated location for animal activities would be much appreciated.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 4:28:46 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tai-ni Xia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahaloea, Vice Chair Kusch, and members of the Committee,

My name is Tai-Ni Xia. I am writing to express my strong support for House Concurrent Resolution 68, which requests the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu City Council, and Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu to create a dedicated animal education and training complex within Kalaeloa Parklands.

I believe this resolution is crucial and addresses a critical need within the City and County of Honolulu. The establishment of a dedicated animal education and training complex within Kalaeloa Parklands would provide a much-needed venue for various animal-related activities. Current park restrictions and competition for space have made it difficult for groups such as dog shows, dog sports, cat shows, bird shows, free flight bird areas, and 4H groups working with animals.

A dedicated animal education and training complex would serve the growing needs of the Kapolei community and the broader Oahu region. It would provide a safe and suitable space for residents to enjoy activities with their pets, addressing the current lack of such facilities in the area, particularly the shortage of off-leash dog parks in West Oahu.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that creating a dedicated animal education and training complex in Kalaeloa Parklands would provide significant benefits to the community and address a demonstrated need. House Concurrent Resolution 68 plays a vital role in demonstrating the support of the Hawaii State Legislature for these important initiatives. I urge you to support this resolution and take action to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique and culturally significant area and the creation of this valuable community resource.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tai-Ni Xia

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 4:45:34 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Davina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HCR68. The establishment of an Animal Education and Training Complex in Kalaeloa Parklands, as supported by HCR68, represents a significant opportunity to enrich the Kapolei community and Oahu as a whole. This much-needed facility would provide a dedicated and safe space for residents to engage in activities with their pets, a crucial benefit given the current lack of off-leash dog parks in West Oahu. Furthermore, it would address the existing challenges faced by animal-related groups in Honolulu, such as dog and cat shows, bird clubs, and 4H, by offering comprehensive facilities including restrooms, indoor meeting and show areas, food prep spaces, and storage. I firmly believe that supporting this resolution is a crucial step towards creating a valuable community asset while ensuring the protection of this unique and culturally important area.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 4:53:08 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Tracey Mullins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

As a local veterinarian and dog sport participant, I strongly support the creation of a dog sport facility. This facility will allow the organizations that puts on sports activities (like FastCat) to have a dedicated place to hold trials. Sports like FastCat are open to all types of dogs (but owner's must have them registered) and provide a vital ways to keep dogs active. Roughly 52% of all dogs in the US today are overweight or obese. Supporting dog sports can help us lower this national statistic.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 5:03:01 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Barker	Testifying for Ember Paws Dog Training	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, my name is Sara Barker, and I own and operate a dog training business by the name of Ember Paws Dog Training. I offer affordable dog training via private sessions and group classes to dog owners across the island, and even providing services of residence on Kauai, Maui, and the big Island. I specialize in basic obedience training as well as training task trained service dogs to assist disabled individuals with various disabilities. As a dog trainer and small business owner here in Hawaii, I have come across so many struggles with being able to provide services to pet owners who so desperately need affordable dog training, primarily due to the lack of pet friendly parks, and the additional permitting requirements in order to help dog owners and their furry friends. Having a dedicated park for dog training and events would eliminate the burden that I have as a small business owner, of not only trying to find a pet friendly park, but will also eliminate the time put into having to request a permit for every training session. Due to Hawaii's strict requirements, I have ultimately had to provide group classes in my very small backyard, which is quite difficult when more than 3 dogs are in a class. Having a larger dedicated space where trainers would be able to offer group classes would mean we would be able to help even more dog owners train their dogs, thus increasing the taxes that I pay out yearly, while also effectively reducing the number of dogs in our over filled animal shelters and rescues due to lack of training.

As well as being a dog trainer and business owner, I am also an active participant and volunteer for all things dog sports. My dogs actively participate in FastCAT and Agility, and I would absolutely love to participate in other dog sports such as dock diving and barn hunt which are not yet started here in Hawaii, but there is a huge demand for it. As a volunteer for Terriers in Paradise and the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Hawaii, I have personally experienced the hardships we as volunteers and club organizers have to deal with due to not having a dedicated space for dog events. As a volunteer on FastCAT days, we spend nearly 13 hours a day working hard for the clubs so they can provide a fun activity for Hawaii dog owners. About 4 of those hours is just for set up and take down. Having a dedicated space would allow for us to leave up the FastCAT track overnight, or better yet, have a permanent FastCAT track so the 20 other dedicated volunteers can spend more time helping in other areas of the event. Hawaii also doesn't have a single location for dock diving which is an easy sport just about anyone can do with their dog. I have had nearly 50 different clients come to me about wanting to get started in dock diving, but we have no place that has enough space for NADD (North American Diving Dogs) event regulations and requirements. Having a dedicated facility would allow for us to actually bring dock diving to Hawaii, where dog owners would be able to take paid dock diving lessons and

participate in dock diving events. I know several other people who would fly in from other islands just to participate in dock diving, which would help boost Oahu's economy and support local small businesses. And while I myself will not be living here much longer, I would absolutely come back to support Hawaii's dog sports, trainers, clubs and events, and I know several others who will do the same.

For those reasons, I am in support of HCR68.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sara Barker

Ember Paws Dog Training

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 5:21:26 PM
Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanette Vinton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Chang and committee members,

I am writing to express my strong support for HCR 68, which urges the City and County of Honolulu to establish a dedicated Animal Education and Training Complex within the Kalaeloa Parklands.

I am an avid dog sport enthusiast and active community participant. This resolution presents a valuable opportunity to enhance animal welfare, responsible pet ownership, and community engagement on O‘ahu. A centralized complex would provide numerous benefits, including:

- **Improved Training Opportunities:** A dedicated space would allow for organized and safe training programs for dogs and other animals, fostering better pet behavior and reducing animal surrenders.
- **Enhanced Educational Resources:** The complex could host workshops, seminars, and educational events on topics such as animal care, health, and responsible ownership, benefiting both current and future pet owners.
- **Community Building:** A designated area would create a hub for animal lovers, fostering a sense of community and providing opportunities for interaction and shared learning.

By supporting HCR 68, the City Council, Mayor, and Department of Parks and Recreation can take a significant step towards promoting responsible pet ownership, improving animal welfare, and enriching our community. I urge your favorable consideration of this important resolution.

Mahalo,

Nanette Vinton

Mililani resident

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 6:43:04 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kailani Timmons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

Mahalo,

Kailani Timmons

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:56:09 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Nakakura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill, we do not have enough dog friendly places to hold events. The competitive dog show community is growing. They are adding new dog sports all the times and interest is growing by leaps and bounds. It is so hard to hold an event, to find a dog friendly venue. We really are in need of this! Please vote for this.

Thank you, Cheryl Nakakura

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 11:38:07 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Carroll	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

An off-leash dog park for Honolulu and animal education for the community are sorely needed! I urge you to pass this important initiative.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 6:21:02 AM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keiko Garvin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to support this resolution.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 6:29:17 AM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cathy Staege	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need area for dog events

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Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christi Tadaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 9:58:36 AM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Supporting Resolution

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 10:35:47 AM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stacia Ohira Over	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members-

I write this in full support of this bill HCR68. I am writing this in support because we need a positive place where we can continue to educate and bring awareness to people how to care for their animals. We need an outlet that we can have venues for our beloved pets that create so much positivity in our lives. Currently we have no place to hold these events and we need to practically beg for space to hold events. Oftentimes these venues are held in public places that may not be safe for everyone that is participating.

A place that is built specifically for positive activities for animal lovers would create a place of connection for the common love we have for our animals. It will create activity for our animals and build community.

Thank you for your time-

Stacia Ohira Over

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 10:46:10 AM
Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LYNN Y MURAMARU	Testifying for Pacific Pet Alliance	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Testimony in SUPPORT of HCR 68
April 9, 2025

Members of the Senate committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs:
The Pacific Pet Alliance is a Hawai‘i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy.
The Pacific Pet Alliance (PPA) would like to submit testimony in support of HCR 68. Oahu has no animal friendly venues that are suitable for education and training purposes especially on the leeward coast. Ewa Beach Community Park is the only dogs friendly park where clubs can hold large events such as dog shows and canine performance. There are also no indoor facilities that can hold 4H groups, animal educational seminars, or cat/rabbit/ bird shows that require a secure indoor venue at a reasonable cost to non-profit clubs. Imagine trying to use ranches at \$1000 @ day or the outdoor venue at the Kroc Center for \$300 an hour or being told your 4H groups could use the facilities but the kids aren’t allowed to bring their animals. Oahu also lacks a public fairgrounds. All of this seems to go against the State’s mission of agricultural sustainability. Such a facility would go a long way to benefit the community and add to our quality of life.
The Pacific Pet Alliance respectfully requests the support of the Hawaii State Legislature for this much needed facility in our community. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Lynn Muramaru
Board Member
Pacific Pet Alliance

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 10:55:05 AM
Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire	Testifying for Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands & Ohana Unity Party	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Below is a letter of enthusiastic support for House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) No. 68, addressed to the State of Hawaii Legislature. It follows the same parameters as your previous requests: bold headings, bullet points, data and stats from the resolution, the email ohanaunitychair@gmail.com (mailto:ohanaunitychair@gmail.com), and a closing with Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM, Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party, without "Your Full Name," "Your Title," or "On behalf of." "Aloha" is capitalized to honor its significance in Hawaiian, your native language from the Hawaiian Kingdom. I've adapted the funding suggestion (similar to previous letters) to propose a small user fee for animal clubs or event organizers to support the creation and maintenance of the animal education and training complex.

April 10, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives and Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawaii
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Heartfelt Support for H.C.R. No. 68 – An Animal Education and Training Complex in Kalaeloa

Dear Esteemed Legislators,

I am bursting with excitement to offer my wholehearted support for House Concurrent Resolution No. 68, which urges the Mayor, Honolulu City Council, and Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu to establish a dedicated animal education and training complex within the Kalaeloa parklands. This resolution is a blessing for O‘ahu’s animal lovers, and I propose we enhance it by charging animal clubs or event organizers a modest fee to fund this much-needed haven. Mahalo for giving our furry, feathered, and four-legged friends a voice!

The Dire Need for Animal-Friendly Spaces:

- **Neglected Community:** O‘ahu’s animal enthusiasts—dog, cat, bird, and 4H groups—have been overlooked, squeezed out by sports groups and restrictive park rules.
- **Limited Options:** In City Park District 3 (Waipahu to Waianae), the only on-leash dog park is at Ewa Beach Community Park, with zero off-leash public spaces—a glaring gap for a pet-loving island.
- **Kapolei’s Growth:** This booming area lacks a public park for residents to enjoy with pets, despite the 400 acres of Kalaeloa parklands acquired on June 12, 2024, from the U.S. Navy.

Kalaeloa: The Perfect Spot for Pets:

- **Prime Location:** The expansive Kalaeloa parklands are ideally suited for an animal complex, offering space for dog agility, cat shows, bird flight areas, and more.
- **Visionary Design:** The proposed complex—with bathrooms, indoor rooms like McCoy Pavilion, food prep areas, and rentable storage—meets the exact needs of animal clubs and 4H youth.
- **Community Win:** This isn’t just a park—it’s a hub for education, training, and bonding, filling a void for West O‘ahu’s pet owners and enthusiasts.

A Clever Funding Plan: Charge Users Fairly:

- **Event and Club Fees:** Charge animal clubs or event organizers a modest rental fee (e.g., \$50-\$100 per event) for using the complex, funding construction and upkeep of facilities like agility courses or exhibition rooms. With dozens of annual events, this could raise tens of thousands yearly.
- **Equitable Approach:** Groups benefiting most—like dog sport clubs or show organizers—help cover costs, sparing taxpayers while keeping resident access free or low-cost.
- **Realistic Support:** Building a complex might cost \$1M-\$2M (based on similar park projects), but user fees plus grants could make it happen without delay.

HCR 68 is a Game-Changer for O‘ahu:

This resolution’s push to carve out an animal oasis in Kalaeloa is sheer brilliance. Adding user fees ensures it’s built fast and maintained well, delivering a lasting legacy for our pets and people. This isn’t just about recreation—it’s about nurturing our animal ohana and enriching our community.

I’d love to kūkākūkā more—reach me at ohanaunitychair@gmail.com (mailto:ohanaunitychair@gmail.com). Mahalo nui loa for championing HCR 68 and creating a paw-some future in Kalaeloa!

With boundless Aloha,

Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM
Chairman, Ohana Unity Party

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 11:57:49 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah woodworth	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha honorable members,

I visit Oahu approximately 9 times per year for dog related sports. I participate in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Fast Cat and some Community events.

As time goes by, the space available for such events is deteriorating and sites that were used for years are no longer available. Dog sports are responsible parties who abide by a code of conduct and always adhere to participating animals only and rules regarding picking up after them, how they are housed while on site, human conduct, and much more. This group of people love their dogs and their sport and take care of any space allowed for use because we respect it and understand the blessing of the availability of use. The growth in Kapolei definitely shows a need for an outlet not just for sport events but general public use of a dog friendly area.

Approximately 45% of households have at least one dog. With growth increasing in the Kapolei area, where are they to LEGALLY enjoy outdoor space with their dogs?

Please consider your decision with your public in mind and also for those who visit and VOTE YES to allow some of the area to be used for animal friendly activities.

Thank you for listening!

Sarah Woodworth

Pahoa HI

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 12:12:03 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary A. Wilkowski, Esq.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators,

This is an ideal time to include a public place dedicated to public education about animals as well as events held by organized animal groups. As formerly temperate areas heat to unbearable temperatures, some pet owners haven't made the connection between searing concrete or asphalt and their pets' unprotected feet.

Some are housing their dogs in open-air kennels without shade and water, threatening their lives. Finally, and unfortunately or intentionally, an oblivious or cruel percentage of our population stakes out its dogs by chains on concrete pads 24/7, with or without water. These are torturous conditions against which neighbors complain in vain to police, ASPCA, and the Hawaiian Humane Society.

On the off chance that this last group is not the monsters they appear to be, the very least a humane community can provide is a public center with classes that educate new owners of pets from the ASPCA and HHS, and lawbreakers, similar to the Anger Management courses ordered by district and circuit judges.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.



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April 10, 2025

Re: American Kennel Club Supports Animal Education and Training Facility Within the Kalaeloa Parklands

Dear Chair Wakai and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs:

The American Kennel Club (AKC) writes today on behalf of the Pacific Pet Alliance, our Hawaii kennel clubs and the many responsible dog owners in the community to respectfully ask you to include a ten-acre animal education and training facility within the recently deeded 400 acres of former Navy-owned land of Kalaeloa for public park and public recreational area purposes. This addition would allow for Hawaiians to enjoy public spaces, promote responsible pet ownership—leading to less animals ending up in the shelter system – and generate significant economic impact to the region.

There is a tremendous need for such a project as the needs of the animal community on O‘ahu have been overlooked. Given the restrictions in place in city parks and the competition for park usage with other sports groups, it’s extremely difficult to find suitable and animal -friendly venues for dog shows, dog sports, cat shows, bird shows, and 4H groups.

A robust animal education and training facility would also have economic benefits for the island. In 2023, 6700 people and participated in 130 dog events in Hawaii. The AKC estimates that the economic impact of [dog shows is vast](#). Surveys demonstrate that exhibitors at AKC conformation dog shows spend an average of \$982 per show weekend. This means spending by AKC dog show exhibitors for a show weekend could inject more than \$2.15 million into the local economy. And this amount does not include spending for events such as Agility, Rally, Obedience, and similar competitions. With a dedicated sports complex for these and other dog events, it is likely that the number of participants could increase, generating several million dollars into the local economy.

Additionally, the AKC believes wholeheartedly in promoting responsible dog ownership. Not only is this beneficial to dog owners and the dogs themselves, but it is good for the broader community. Unfortunately, [one major reason for a dog to be surrendered](#) to a shelter is when the owner is not able to handle the animal as it has not been properly trained. An animal education and training facility within the Kalaeloa Parklands with readily available obedience classes could both increase the enjoyment of dog ownership and serve to reduce one of the causes of dogs ending up in the shelter system. Furthermore, AKC competitions and events held at the complex would provide more opportunities for the community to enjoy activities with their dogs and further support and promote responsible pet ownership and training. In order for complex to be able to accommodate as many activities as is feasible, the site should include: bathrooms, parking, secure indoor meeting and exhibition rooms, food preparation facilities, and secure storage areas.

An animal education and training facility within the Kalaeloa Parklands would serve to benefit both people and their animals, increase the practice of responsible pet ownership, and generate a significant economic impact for the local economy.

The AKC appreciates the state’s attention to increasing the opportunities of pet-owning Hawaiians in accessing public spaces. Thank you for reviewing our recommendations for the Kalaeloa Parklands.

Regards,



Bob Rilling-Smith
Legislative Analyst/Community Outreach Coordinator
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Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terry Nii	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. There are currently no facilities for dog training and dog training events on Oahu. This would provide the large population of dog owners on Oahu a place to take their dogs for classes and events.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 12:38:58 PM

Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anna Christina Fernandez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this resolution. It's provides a safe area for dog owners to responsibly participate in dog sports in addition to supporting the local economy.

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Testimony for EIG on 4/10/2025 4:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This resource is sorely needed by the community. This will provide a venue for the many canine sports and conformation shows rather than holding events on school grounds. I urge you to vote Yes, on this measure.