HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING 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.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2024, the City and County of Honolulu took ownership of approximately four hundred acres of designated Kalaeloa parklands from the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu intends to use these lands for public park and public recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the needs of the animal community on Oahu have been overlooked; and

WHEREAS, restrictions imposed on park usage at existing City and County of Honolulu parks and competition for park usage with sports groups have made it extremely difficult to find suitable animal-friendly venues for dog shows, dog sports, cat shows, bird shows, free flight bird areas, and 4H groups working with animals; and

WHEREAS, Kapolei is a rapidly growing area, but its residents lack a public park space to enjoy with their pets; and

WHEREAS, the only on-leash dog park within City Park District 3, which covers Waipahu to Waianae, is the Ewa Beach Community Park, and there are no public off-leash dog parks in this area; and

WHEREAS, the Kalaeloa parklands are well situated to include an animal education and training complex; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that 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 are requested to create a dedicated animal education and training complex within the Kalaeloa parklands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the dedicated animal education and training complex is requested to include bathrooms, secure indoor meeting and exhibition rooms similar to the McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach Park, food preparation facilities, and secure storage areas that may be rented by animal clubs to store necessary equipment, such as equipment for dog agility, dog obedience, and Fast CAT and cages required for benched cat, rabbit, and bird shows; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council, and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu.

OFFERED BY:

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