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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, many jurisdictions in the Continental United  
2 States and in Europe allow customers to bring dogs into  
3 restaurants and 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 when considering allowing dogs in  
25 restaurants and bars; now, therefore,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
29 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaiian Humane  
30 Society is requested to establish and participate in the Dogs in  
31 Restaurants and Bars Working 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 the Hawaiian Humane Society is  
6 requested to invite representatives from the following groups to  
7 participate in the working group:  
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- 9 (1) Humane Society of the United States;
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- 11 (2) Hawaii Restaurant Association;
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- 13 (3) Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association;
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- 15 (4) American Kennel Club;
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- 17 (5) A restaurant that currently allows dogs; and
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- 19 (6) The executive director of the Hawaii Disability Rights  
20 Center; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dogs in Restaurants and  
23 Bars Working Group is requested to explore strategies and  
24 develop recommendations that will allow dogs to be welcomed in  
25 participating restaurants and bars while ensuring the health and  
26 safety of both humans and animals; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dogs in Restaurants and  
29 Bars Working Group is requested to submit a report of its  
30 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
31 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
32 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
36 Hawaiian Humane Society, the Director of Health, and the  
37 Executive Director of the Disability and Communication Access  
38 Board; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Humane Society is  
41 requested to transmit copies of this Concurrent Resolution to  
42 the groups enumerated in this measure.

