
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that programs operated by
2 organizations that provide professionally trained guide dogs,
3 services, and assistive aids for Hawaii's blind and visually
4 impaired community yield higher employment levels with less need
5 for lifetime support services for youth, and lead to greater
6 independence and mobility for adults and seniors, thus
7 minimizing the need for long term home and nursing care and
8 placing fewer burdens on family, friends, and the community.

9 The legislature further recognizes that only half of the
10 twenty-nine acre site in lower Halawa valley that constitutes
11 the State's animal quarantine facility has been slated for use
12 by the department of public safety as the location for the new
13 Oahu community correctional center, and that an environmental
14 impact statement has already been prepared for the site, which
15 can allow the State to repurpose the remainder of this
16 underutilized site for public benefit. The legislature finds
17 that there is an interest in developing an operational facility



1 in Hawaii for the professional training of guide dogs for
2 eventual service to blind and visually impaired residents, which
3 will reduce the dependence of Hawaii's residents on the
4 importation of such professionally trained guide dogs from
5 places like Australia. This reduction would be to the public
6 benefit. The legislature also finds that the State's existing
7 animal quarantine facility is currently being accessed and
8 utilized in a similar manner.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate sufficient
10 funding to the department of agriculture for the planning and
11 design of a professional training facility for guide dogs and
12 other professionally trained service dogs on a designated
13 portion of the State's animal quarantine facility site.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
17 planning and design of a professional training facility for
18 guide dogs and other professionally trained service dogs on a
19 designated portion of the State's animal quarantine facility
20 site in Halawa valley on the island of Oahu.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Animal Quarantine Facility; Assistance Animals; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the design and development of a professional training facility for guide dogs and other professionally trained service dogs on an undeveloped portion of the State's animal quarantine facility in Halawa valley on Oahu. Effective 7/1/2020. (SD1)

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