

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

Voting Members:

Esther Kia'aina, Chair; Tommy Waters, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Val A. Okimoto, Andria Tupola

Committee Meeting Held
November 20, 2025

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning, to which was referred Bill 70 (2025) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS."

transmitted by Departmental Communication 790 (2025), dated October 24, 2025, from the Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP"), and which passed First Reading at the Council meeting on November 5, 2025, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 70 (2025) is to amend the park dedication provisions of the Subdivision Ordinance, Chapter 22, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, to allow dog parks to be credited toward satisfying the requirements for dedicating land for park and playground purposes. The Bill allows for this credit if the dog park is part of a larger contiguous privately or publicly owned park and playground area, and the land area credit does not exceed 10 percent of the total park and playground land area required.

Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance proposed by the Council are processed by the DPP but are not reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Council proposed Bill 70 (2025) by adoption of Resolution 24-220. When processing the proposal, the DPP recommended an alternative version of the proposed Bill, which was introduced by request and numbered as Bill 69 (2025).

At your Committee's meeting on November 20, 2025, a DPP representative testified in support of the CD1 version of the Resolution, and stated that the DPP will

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continue to work with the Council and may suggest changes to the Bill as the measure moves forward.

Your Committee received no verbal public testimony on the Resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from the Hawaiian Humane Society and D.R. Horton Hawaii.

Your Committee has prepared a CD1 version of the Resolution that makes the following amendments:

A. In SECTION 2 of the bill:

1. Updates the underlying language in ROH § 22-7.8 to reflect the current language set forth in the ROH for that section.
2. Amends proposed new ROH § 22-7.8(d) to read as follows:

"(d) *Credit for dog parks.* When land is provided in perpetuity or dedicated for use as a dog park, such land may be credited toward the park and playground lands that would otherwise be required under § 22-7.5; provided that:

 - (1) The dog park is part of a larger contiguous privately or publicly owned park and playground area; and
 - (2) Any credit for the land area provided in perpetuity or dedicated for use as a dog park may not exceed 10 percent of the total park and playground lands required under § 22-7.5."

B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

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Your Committee on Zoning & Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 70 (2025), as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading, be scheduled for public hearing, and be referred back to Committee in the form attached hereto as Bill 70 (2025), CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'aina, Tupola, Waters – 4; Noes: None; Absent: Okimoto – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,


Committee Chair

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ORDINANCE _____

BILL 70 (2025), CD1

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow dog parks to be credited toward satisfying the requirements for the provision or dedication of land for park and playground purposes.

SECTION 2. Section 22-7.8, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 22-7.8 Credit ~~[for]~~ toward land required for parks and playgrounds.

- (a) *Credit for lands dedicated or provided in perpetuity for ~~[parks]~~ park and playground purposes before October 16, 1976. Where lands for ~~[park and playground]~~ parks and playgrounds were dedicated or provided in perpetuity before October 16, 1976, such ~~[land is]~~ park and playground lands are credited ~~[against]~~ toward the ~~[park land which could]~~ park and playground lands that would otherwise be required under § 22-7.5.*
- (b) *Credit for subdivisions where the provisions of this article were previously met. When a subdivision is resubdivided or redeveloped, this article applies to the dwelling or lodging units [above] that are constructed in addition to those units [which] that originally complied with this article. Credit is applied ~~[to such]~~ toward the park and playground land area that would otherwise be required under § 22-7.5, whether such park and playground lands were dedicated~~[,]~~ or provided in perpetuity, or fees were paid in lieu thereof.*
- (c) *Credit for privately owned parks and playgrounds. When land is provided in perpetuity or dedicated for a private park and playground in a subdivision and ~~[such area]~~ the land is to be owned ~~[and]~~, maintained, and used by the owners (including private parties and public agencies), purchasers, or occupants of the subdivision, such park and playground land is credited ~~[against]~~ toward the ~~[park-land area which]~~ park and playground lands that would otherwise be required under § 22-7.5.*
- (d) *Credit for dog parks. When land is provided in perpetuity or dedicated for use as a dog park, such land may be credited toward the park and playground lands that would otherwise be required under § 22-7.5; provided that:*



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- (1) The dog park is part of a larger contiguous privately or publicly owned park and playground area; and
- (2) Any credit for the land area provided in perpetuity or dedicated for use as a dog park may not exceed 10 percent of the total park and playground lands required under § 22-7.5."

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters

Andria Tupola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 29, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:

Subdivision Ordinance; Provision or Dedication of Land for Park and Playground Purposes; Dog Parks; Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP")

Description:

Allows lands that are provided in perpetuity or dedicated for use as dog parks (if such lands are part of a larger contiguous privately or publicly owned park and playground area) to be credited toward satisfying the requirements for the provision or dedication of lands for park and playground purposes under ROH Section 22-7.5. Limits the amount of dog park lands to be credited to up to 10 percent of the total park and playground lands required under ROH Section 22-7.5.

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