REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

Voting Members:
Esther Kia'āina, Chair; Tommy Waters, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Val A. Okimoto, Andria Tupola

Committee Meeting Held
May 21, 2026

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning, which considered Bill 70 (2025), CD1 entitled:

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

which passed Second Reading and was the subject of a public hearing held at the Council meeting on May 13, 2026, 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 ("ROH") to allow the dedication of land for dog parks to be credited toward satisfying the requirements for dedicating land for park and playground purposes.

Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance proposed by the Council are processed by the Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP") but are not reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Council proposed Bill 70 (2025) by adoption of Resolution 24-220.

At your Committee's meeting on May 21, 2026, the DPP Deputy Director testified in support of the Bill, and commented that while the Bill is straight forward, there are many nuanced considerations that affect several City departments and divisions.

Your Committee received no verbal public testimony on the Bill.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Bill from the Hawaiian Humane Society.

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ADOPTED ON JUN 3 2026

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 144(26)

Your Committee has prepared a CD2 version of the Resolution that makes the following amendments:

A. Adds a new SECTION 2 to the bill that amends the definitions of "City" and "Privately Owned Parks and Playgrounds." Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

B. In renumbered SECTION 3 of the bill, which amends ROH § 22-7.8:

1. Amends the title of the section to clarify that the section covers a credit toward new land required for parks and playgrounds.

2. Amends subsections (a) and (c) to clarify that the credit applies toward new land dedicated or provided in perpetuity for park and playground purposes.

3. Amends proposed new ROH § 22-7.8(d) to read as follows:

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

(1) The dog park does not use existing publicly or privately owned park and playground land; and

(2) Credit may not exceed 10 percent of the park and playground land area required."

C. 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), CD1 , as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as Bill 70 (2025), CD2. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tupola, Waters – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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ORDINANCE _____

BILL **70 (2025), CD2**

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 22-7.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Definitions"), is amended by amending the definitions of "City" and "Privately Owned Parks and Playgrounds" to read as follows:

"***City.*** The City and County of Honolulu. The geographical limit [~~shall include all that portion of~~] includes the area of land in the State of Hawaii commonly known as the island of Oahu [~~and all other islands in the State of Hawaii and the waters adjacent thereto not included in any other county~~]."

"***Privately Owned Parks and Playgrounds.*** Parks or playgrounds and [~~their~~] associated facilities [~~which~~] that are not provided in perpetuity or dedicated [~~but which are~~] to the city, but are privately owned and maintained by or on behalf of the ultimate users of the subdivision pursuant to recorded restrictive covenants[~~. Where~~] and city approvals. If the privately owned park is a part of the lot or lots on which a building or group of buildings containing or divided into three or more dwelling units or lodging units is constructed, [~~it shall not be required that~~] the private park or playground is not required to meet county subdivision standards, nor [~~shall~~] will the area of the private park or playground be deducted from the area of the lot or lots for purposes of zoning or building requirements."

SECTION 3. Section 22-7.8, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

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

(a) *Credit for [~~lands~~] new land dedicated or provided in perpetuity for [~~parks~~] park and playground purposes before October 16, 1976.* Where [~~lands for park and playground~~] new land for parks and playgrounds were dedicated or provided in perpetuity to the city before October 16, 1976, such [~~land is~~] park and playground lands are credited [~~against~~] toward the [~~park land which could~~] park and playground land area 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 new land is dedicated or provided in perpetuity 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~~] will be credited [~~against~~] toward the [~~park land area which~~] park and playground land area that would otherwise be required under § 22-7.5.

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

(1) The dog park does not use existing publicly or privately owned park and playground land; and

(2) The credit may not exceed 10 percent of the park and playground land area required."

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 certain lands that are provided in perpetuity or dedicated for use as dog parks 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.

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