
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO REVIEW PROPOSED PLANS AND EXISTING AND ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATION REQUESTS OF THE STADIUM AUTHORITY AND THE GOVERNOR FOR THE REPAIR, RENOVATION, REFURBISHMENT, OR REPLACEMENT OF THE ALOHA STADIUM.

1 WHEREAS, the Aloha Stadium (Stadium) was built in 1975 and
2 designed to accommodate an array of sports and entertainment
3 events, including football and baseball games; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Stadium was designed to allow the stands to be
6 moved to obtain alternative configurations; and
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8 WHEREAS, in mid-February of 2006, various news broadcasts
9 and articles reported that the Stadium is in need of
10 \$129,000,000 in repairs; and
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12 WHEREAS, it has also been reported that the Stadium
13 Authority is considering refurbishing the Stadium so that it
14 would be permanently fixed in a football configuration; and
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16 WHEREAS, the proposal to permanently fix the Stadium in a
17 football configuration would reportedly save an estimated
18 \$11,000,000 in refurbishment costs and \$20,000 in operating
19 costs each time the Stadium is reconfigured; and
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21 WHEREAS, the proposal to permanently fix the Stadium in a
22 football configuration effectively eliminates its use for
23 baseball and soccer events; and
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25 WHEREAS, a Pacific Business News article dated March 3,
26 2006, reported that the proposed \$129,000,000 Stadium renovation
27 included a proposal to add 10,000 more seats and 32 luxury
28 suites to accommodate a bid to host the National Football
29 League's Super Bowl; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature has been informed that, despite
2 the costs of maintaining and implementing the movable stands
3 program, some Stadium Authority members want to ensure that the
4 Stadium continues to have the flexibility of accommodating the
5 alternative entertainment needs of the community-at-large; and
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7 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 109-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes
8 (HRS), the Stadium Authority is authorized to "...prescribe and
9 collect rents, fees, and charges for the use or enjoyment of the
10 stadium or any of its facilities"; and
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12 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 109-3, HRS, the Stadium
13 Authority is authorized to deposit the funds it collects into
14 the Stadium Special Fund to be used for the "...operation,
15 maintenance, promotion, and management..." of the Stadium and
16 "...all or a portion of the cost of financing any capital
17 improvement project..." for the Stadium and its related
18 facilities; and
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20 WHEREAS, in a letter dated February 22, 2006, the Governor
21 transmitted to the Legislature an amendment to the fiscal year
22 2007 Executive Supplemental Budget proposing to add \$25,000,000
23 in **general obligation bond funds** for "...the first year of a four-
24 year repair and replacement program to ensure safety, and extend
25 the useful life of Aloha Stadium"; (Emphasis added) and
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27 WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal to amend the fiscal year
28 2007 Executive Supplemental Budget does not indicate that the
29 revenues from the Stadium Special Fund will be used to reimburse
30 the General Fund for the debt service paid on bonds issued for
31 the Stadium's repair and replacement program; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal to amend the fiscal year
34 2007 Executive Supplemental Budget may effectively force the
35 general tax-paying public of the state into paying for Stadium
36 improvements, instead of using the Stadium Authority's mandate
37 to "prescribe and collect rents, fees, and charges" to pay for
38 the "cost of financing any capital improvement project"; and
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40 WHEREAS, while the Stadium Authority has the mandate to
41 manage and operate the Stadium, the proposal to use general
42 obligation bonds to finance what may ultimately be a redefined
43 Stadium places an obligation on the Legislature to conduct a



1 thorough review of any and all Stadium repair, renovation,
2 refurbishment, or replacement proposals; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Auditor to assist the
5 Legislature in conducting this program and financial review;
6 now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, the Senate
10 concurring, that the Auditor is requested to review the proposed
11 plans and existing and anticipated appropriation requests of the
12 Stadium Authority and the Governor for the repair, renovation,
13 refurbishment, or replacement of the Stadium; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor's review include,
16 but not be limited to:
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18 (1) A program review of any proposal before the Stadium
19 Authority to permanently fix the Stadium facility in a
20 single configuration and any proposal to expand the
21 Stadium facility; and
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23 (2) A financial and budgetary review of all proposals
24 before the Stadium Authority to finance the repairs,
25 improvements, renovation, expansion, and replacement
26 of the Stadium facility;
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
31 report to the Legislature its findings and conclusions,
32 including any necessary proposed legislation, no later than 20
33 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Auditor,
37 Stadium Authority, and State Comptroller.
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OFFERED BY:

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