
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII DO A STUDY
TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEMOLISHING ALOHA STADIUM
AND CONSTRUCTING A NEW STADIUM ON OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, Aloha Stadium was first opened to the public on
2 September 12, 1975; and
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4 WHEREAS, while Aloha Stadium has been plagued with
5 structural defects and other problems from its opening day, it
6 has served the people of Hawaii well as a venue for many
7 memorable sporting and entertaining events over its near thirty-
8 two year life-span; and
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10 WHEREAS, a planning study by the local firm of Wiss Janney
11 Elstner Associates, published in December 2005, looked at the
12 long-range prospects for the improvement of Aloha Stadium to
13 continue serving the people of Hawaii into the future; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Wiss study estimated that the Aloha Stadium
16 would require \$99,000,000 in short-term improvements, including
17 \$29,000,000 for repairs to structural defects and corrosion
18 protection, \$26,000,000 for repairing seating areas, and an
19 additional \$44,000,000 to meet a shortage of three hundred and
20 two toilets in the women's bathrooms, to bring the stadium into
21 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other
22 immediately needed improvements; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Wiss report went on to state that beyond the
25 initial \$99,000,000, an additional \$115,000,000 in improvements
26 would be needed to extend the useful life of Aloha Stadium for
27 another twenty to thirty years; and
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29 WHEREAS, a total expenditure of \$214,000,000 will only
30 extend the useful life of the Aloha Stadium twenty to thirty
31 years; and



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2 WHEREAS, it is time to look at a long-term solution for the
3 needs of the people of Hawaii and not continue applying band-
4 aids to the problems of an aging stadium at exorbitant costs;
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7 WHEREAS, approximately half of the one hundred acres that
8 the Aloha Stadium presently occupies was granted to the City and
9 County of Honolulu by the United States government and, in turn,
10 granted to the State with a condition that the land was to be
11 used for public recreational purposes; and

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13 WHEREAS, the land beneath Aloha Stadium, due to its
14 location, topography, proximity to public highways, and the
15 availability of infrastructure necessary for development, would
16 be ideal for the development of affordable housing and other
17 mixed-uses; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the President of
22 the University of Hawaii is requested to undertake a preliminary
23 study using, to the extent practicable, personnel and resources
24 at the University of Hawaii, to consider the:

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26 (1) Demolition of Aloha Stadium;

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28 (2) Redevelopment of the present Aloha Stadium site,
29 through public or public and private partnership
30 efforts, for affordable housing and other mixed-uses,
31 following discussions with the appropriate federal
32 agencies and the City and County of Honolulu on the
33 removal of the condition that the present Aloha
34 Stadium site must be used for public recreational
35 purposes; and

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37 (3) Development of a new stadium, publicly or privately on
38 a lease-back or turn-key basis, on Oahu, to be
39 operated and managed by the University of Hawaii.

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University
42 of Hawaii is requested to submit to the Legislature, not less
43 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
44 of 2008, a preliminary report to include the following:



- (1) A preliminary timetable for:
 - (A) The salvaging and demolition of Aloha stadium;
 - (B) The redevelopment of the Aloha stadium site for affordable housing and other mixed-uses; and
 - (C) The development of the new stadium;
- (2) A list of potential sites for the new stadium on Oahu and a conceptual site and development plan for the development of the new stadium, along with proposals for the public or private development of the stadium;
- (3) A conceptual site and development plan for the housing and mixed-use development of the Aloha Stadium site, along with proposals for the public or private development of the site;
- (4) The preliminary estimated costs for:
 - (A) The salvaging and demolition of Aloha Stadium;
 - (B) The housing and mixed-use development of the Aloha Stadium site; and
 - (C) The development of the new stadium, including the costs of all necessary infrastructure to serve the new facility;
- (5) A preliminary real estate appraisal of a vacant Aloha Stadium site; and
- (6) A report on the status of the discussions with the city and county of Honolulu and the responsible federal agencies on the removal of the condition in the deed to the city and county of Honolulu and the State that the Aloha Stadium site must be used for public recreational purposes; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
3 University of Hawaii.
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