
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Kalama Village
2 Center is a neighborhood strip retail center located on 6.6
3 acres of land in Kalama Valley. Built in 1984 on leasehold
4 property, the center has never had an anchor tenant and is
5 generally considered underdeveloped. The same cannot be said,
6 however, of the immediately surrounding area.

7 The legislature also finds that Hawaii Kai, in general, is
8 one of the most developed areas in the State and on the island
9 of Oahu. In only the past two years, there have been 4 new
10 single family and condominium developments in surrounding areas.
11 Traffic to the urban core, as is the case with other population
12 centers on the island of Oahu, such as Ewa Beach, Mililani,
13 Kapolei, Aiea, and Pearl City, is a long recognized issue. The
14 strain on county resources, such as sewage and water, is also
15 well recognized.

16 The legislature further finds that the purchase of land to
17 preserve open space or to prevent overdevelopment is not a novel
18 idea. Our history is rife with examples of the purchase or



1 attempted purchase of lands for an important public purpose,
 2 such as the purchase or attempted purchases of Waimea Falls
 3 Adventure Park, Paradise Park, and Punaluu Beach, to name but a
 4 few. In those examples, the important public purpose was to
 5 preserve unique biospeheres, open space, and to limit
 6 development. In this case, the important public purpose is
 7 similar, to preserve open space, limit development, and limit
 8 the environmental harms that come with overdevelopment.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to acquire
 10 the Kalama Village Center in fee in order to preserve open space
 11 as a state park area.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
 15 the purposes of Section 1 of this Act.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 17 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

19
 20

INTRODUCED BY:

Gene Ward

Robert Douglas

Kal Khorram
C. Daniel

Karen Arana *Jella A. Blath*

HB HMIA 08-2008



Cindy Evans

Jyla B. Berg

Barbara Maramato
Mumionou

27
John M. Wiggins
J.M.W.

Paul C.

Tom Brown

K. L.

C. J.

Alingon

JAN 17 2008



Report Title:

Kalama Village Center; purchase

Description:

Appropriates funds to purchase the Kalama Village Center in order to make the site a park area to preserve open space.

