
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO LEASE
APPROXIMATELY 13.2 ACRES OF STATE-OWNED PUBLIC LAND NEAR
KE'EHĪ LAGOON.

1 WHEREAS, the Pacific Gateway Center was founded in 1973 to
2 help immigrants, refugees, and low-income residents of Hawaii
3 gain access to opportunities and services by fulfilling skills
4 that lead to self-sufficiency while respecting the integrity of
5 diverse cultural heritages; and

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7 WHEREAS, Oahu Head Start, founded in 1965, strengthens
8 families through early childhood education, ongoing parent
9 education, and parent policy council leadership opportunities;
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12 WHEREAS, the administrative facilities of both the Pacific
13 Gateway Center and Head Start are extremely dilapidated,
14 deteriorating, overcrowded, substandard, and unsafe; and

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16 WHEREAS, because of the poor work environment, the staff
17 are restricted and obstructed in their ability to deliver
18 services and assist target populations that include low-income
19 families, homeless families, recent immigrants, high school
20 drop-outs, and abused spouses; and

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22 WHEREAS, both of these non-profit organizations recognize
23 that their target populations and clients share common
24 characteristics and will benefit from the convenience of
25 receiving services from a one-stop Ke'ehi Community Resource
26 Center; and

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28 WHEREAS, this comprehensive approach not only improves the
29 delivery of program services to common target populations, but
30 also enables the two organizations to share common costs and
31 eliminate the unnecessary duplication of administrative
32 overhead; and
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1 WHEREAS, Oahu Head Start's lease for its current Kapalama
2 Military Reservation site terminates in two years; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Pacific Gateway Center and Oahu Head Start are
5 collaborating to develop a Ke'ehi Community Resource Center; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Ke'ehi Community Resource Center is envisioned
8 as a comprehensive one-stop facility that can accommodate early
9 childhood education programs, comprehensive child care programs,
10 workforce development training programs, food service
11 facilities, administrative office space, and a designated area
12 for police; and

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14 WHEREAS, these community services are presently scattered
15 across the city and county of Honolulu; and

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17 WHEREAS, as planned, the Ke'ehi Community Resource Center
18 would have a campus-like atmosphere by dividing sixty-four
19 thousand square feet of floor area into five separate
20 structures; and

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22 WHEREAS, each structure would be designed in a contemporary
23 Hawaiian manner with landscaping to beautify the surrounding
24 area; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Ke'ehi Community Resource Center project is
27 estimated to cost \$15,000,000 and will be funded by various
28 sources; and

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30 WHEREAS, approximately 13.2 acres of vacant and unimproved
31 state-owned public land near Ke'ehi Lagoon, that is leased
32 month-to-month, has been proposed as the location of the Ke'ehi
33 Community Resource Center; and

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35 WHEREAS, the 13.2 acres of state-owned public land near
36 Ke'ehi Lagoon in question is comprised of different parcels that
37 are known as TMK 1-1-3:30, 138, 204, 205, 206, 207, 211, and
38 212; and

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40 WHEREAS, section 171-43.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, permits
41 the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease public lands,
42 by direct negotiation and for nominal consideration, to a



1 qualifying eleemosynary organization for the organization's
2 chartered purposes; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Pacific Gateway Center is a qualifying
5 eleemosynary organization; and

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7 WHEREAS, investing in the proposed Ke'ehi Community Resource
8 Center will result in long-term returns by reducing the costs
9 for incarceration and public assistance as family strengthening
10 strategies are effectively implemented by the two organizations
11 and their community partner agencies; and

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13 WHEREAS, the proposed Ke'ehi Community Resource Center is a
14 worthy project for the public welfare and the state-owned public
15 land near Ke'ehi Lagoon should be leased to the Pacific Gateway
16 Center for the purpose of developing the Ke'ehi Community
17 Resource Center; 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 2008, that the Board of Land and Natural Resources is
22 requested to lease approximately 13.2 acres of state-owned
23 public land near Ke'ehi Lagoon to the Pacific Gateway Center for
24 the purpose of developing the Ke'ehi Community Resource Center;
25 and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
28 the lease be at a nominal consideration, by direct negotiation,
29 and without recourse to public auction pursuant to section
30 171-43.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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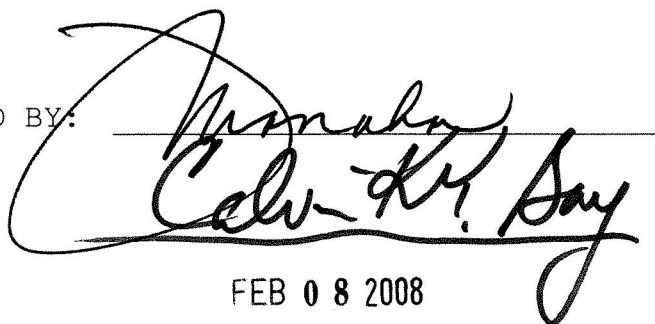
32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Land and
34 Natural Resources, Director of the Pacific Gateway Center, and
35 Director of Oahu Head Start in Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY:



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