
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO REPORT
TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A
MOTORSPORTS CENTER ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, drag racing on the island of Oahu dates back to
2 the early 1950s; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii Raceway Park opened for operation in
5 Campbell Industrial Park in 1962; and

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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii Raceway Park provided a safe and supervised
8 location for people to operate a variety of vehicles, including
9 drag racing cars, motorcycles, go karts, and street cars; and

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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii Raceway Park was a gathering place for
12 local racers, many of whom first attended the park as children
13 with their families and later became participants; and

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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii Raceway Park closed in 2006 and there has
16 not been a paved racing facility on Oahu since; and

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18 WHEREAS, small businesses that operated at Hawaii Raceway
19 Park have shut down, and others that derived a portion of their
20 business from racers have cut back or shut down; and

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22 WHEREAS, Governor John Waihee's administration purchased a
23 feedlot on Kalaeloa Boulevard on the island of Oahu with the
24 expectation that it would be an eventual replacement for Hawaii
25 Raceway Park; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources was
28 given control of the feedlot property and recently requested
29 proposals for development, but has not accepted any proposals
30 that have been submitted; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
34 of 2011, that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is



1 requested to report to the Legislature on the feasibility of
2 constructing a motorsports center, similar to Hawaii Raceway
3 Park, on the island of Oahu; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
6 the report also consider:
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8 (1) The feedlot on Kalaeloa Boulevard on the island of
9 Oahu as a potential site for the motorsports center;
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12 (2) Ways in which a motorsports center may be a source of
13 economic development for the State; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Community
16 Development Authority is requested to collaborate with the
17 Department of Land and Natural Resources in preparing the
18 report; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Community
21 Development Authority is requested to submit the report of any
22 findings and recommendations no later than twenty days prior to
23 the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor of the City
27 and County of Honolulu, the Executive Director of the Hawaii
28 Community Development Authority, and the Chairperson of the
29 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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