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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Friday, April 1, 2011

10:30 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**HCR 100/HR 91 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO REPORT TO
THE LEGISLATURE THE FEASIBILITY OF
CONSTRUCTING A MOTORSPORTS CENTER
ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU.**

Purpose: Requests the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to report on the feasibility of constructing a motorsports center, similar to Hawaii Raceway Park on the island of Oahu. The report should also consider the Feedlot on Kalaeloa Boulevard as a potential site for the motorsports center and the potential for a motorsports center to be a source of economic development for the State.

Position: The HCDA provides the following comments on the concurrent resolution.

- Given the statutory mandate of the HCDA, the agency should not expend any money on matters outside of the community development districts or lands for which it is responsible.
- The Kalaeloa Feedlot is not located within the Kalaeloa community development district or any other HCDA community development district.

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- A motorsports complex was designated within the Kalaeloa Master Plan on lands controlled by the DHHL. The HCDA would be able to report on the DHHL's efforts with respect to the motorsports complex it is planning within the Kalaeloa community development district.
- The HCDA has been informed that the Department of Land and Natural Resources' plans for the Kalaeloa Feedlot parcel does not include a motorsports complex.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this proposed resolution.

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Testifier will be present: Yes
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Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

As an officer of the Oahu Pro Gas Association, and as a racer, I support HCR 100. Motorsports enthusiasts currently have no paved facility Oahu, and are forced to travel to the outer islands to participate in organized motor sports. Outer island enthusiasts can no longer come to Oahu to participate. Many local business's have seen a significant decrease in revenue since the closure of Hawaii Raceway Park. Our organization fully supports HCR 100

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

These resolutions HR91 and HCR100 have only a positive note for the sport of racing. I support it and urge your support as well. Oahu has been without an adequate motor sports center that the public can use and enjoy for some 5 years now.

The amount of revenue that can be gained at a motor sports center and in the surrounding community is immeasurable. The potential is there, racing is a world wide sport. There is an added benefit of having a place to race legally instead of illegally racing on the street with no where else to go.

Thank you for your time and support on this matter.

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Representative Jerry L. Chang
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Dear Representative Chang

I am submitting this testimony to urge this committee to pass this resolution. The island of Oahu has been without a motorsports complex for too long. There are hundreds of motor vehicle enthusiasts that need a place to enjoy the sport. As much as we would like to believe that street racing does not happen, it does. We have been very fortunate that there haven't been any tragedies from the street racing. All racers need a controlled environment to participate in motorsports.

Motorsports can be enjoyed by all. I frequented the drag race facility when it was open. The racers and spectators always enjoyed the events and kept the racing on the track. The weeks prior to the tracks closure there were hundreds of racer sitting in the long staging lines to get in their last passes. We need a track.

Other islands have government sponsored motorsports complexes and there is no reason why Oahu cannot have one also. Please pass this resolution.

Sincerely,
Randy Norman

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Comments:

As a lifelong Hawaii resident, I have experienced racing events held in the old Honolulu Stadium, Kahuku Race Track, and Hawaii Raceway Park over the past 60 years. Racing is part of the fabric of today's Hawaii. On O'ahu, we've not had a drag strip since 2006, and despite other efforts from well-meaning private parties to bring racing back to O'ahu, bottom line: there's no drag strip on the island. Racers such as I have no option to race but to pay exorbitant cargo rates to Young Bros for barging their tow rigs and race cars to the outer islands. It costs me just over \$1000 round trip to do so. When the Superferry was operating, in contrast, I could ship not only my tow rig and race, but an additional vehicle and three passenger fares round trip to Maui for \$509. I don't know how many other racers less fortunate than I only wish we had a drag strip here on the island. I can only say there are hundreds of enthusiasts that would once again pursue their passion when a facility to race is made available. I thank the signatories of HCR100 for their support and urge the committee members for their vote of approval for this resolution.

Benefits Derived By State/County Governments Resulting From a Drag Racing Motorsport Facility on Oahu

- **Economic**
 - Direct revenue sources
 - Enthusiast businesses: restoration & modification shops, repair shops, and the like generate tax revenue for state and C&C
 - Lease rent from businesses operating on facility grounds per se
 - Indirect revenue sources
 - Cottage-industry base opportunities for entrepreneurs to support the motorsports community
 - Outdoor, concert series events, swap meets, etc., operated under authority of the HCDA similar to Aloha Stadium Authority generate revenue that may go toward improving the community's common areas
- **Highway Safety**
 - Driver confidence/education instruction courses, vehicle handling instruction on closed, controlled environment
 - Businesses of this ilk could operate directly on facility's grounds
 - Driver licensing examination testing/screening opportunities
 - Provide conducive, safe environment for enthusiasts to test their driving and mechanical abilities without recklessly endangering the general public on highways/surface streets/neighborhoods