HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, THE KAUAI COUNTY
COUNCIL, KAUAI PLANNING AND ACTION ALLIANCE, WEST SIDE
KAUAI COMMUNITIES, AND THE WAIMEA SPORTS COMPLEX STEERING
COMMITTEE TO COLLABORATE TO EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION OF
THE WAIMEA SPORTS COMPLEX.

WHEREAS, the west side of Kauai consists of Eleele, Hanapepe, Kaumakani, Makaweli, Waimea, and Kekaha districts; and

WHEREAS, these districts have experienced a drastic decline in their population and economy for various reasons including the closing of the sugar plantations and the lack of development in the area; and

WHEREAS, the only major housing development from Hanapepe to Kekaha is the Kekaha Hawaiian Homes subdivision; and

WHEREAS, many of the existing homes on the west side of Kauai have been converted to vacation rentals, subsequently impacting the number of housing units available to long-term renters and the drop in enrollment at Waimea High School; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2012, the State of Hawaii senior softball tournament, hosting fifty softball teams, was held on Kauai and played on three existing baseball fields and three makeshift baseball fields in the Hanapepe area; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Waimea High School Baseball Tournament was held on three baseball fields in Hanapepe, Vidinha Stadium, and Kapaa High School; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a large sports complex in Waimea would provide accommodations for large events and tournaments, thus attracting more sporting events to the area and increasing revenue generation; and

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1 WHEREAS, with the increase in activity provided by a large 2 3 sports complex, landowners in the area may determine that the development of housing projects in the Waimea area would be more 4 feasible; and 5 6 WHEREAS, a Waimea sports complex would be able to hold 7 sporting events, including football, soccer, softball, track, 8 9 and basketball; and 10 WHEREAS, a Waimea sports complex could provide facilities 11 to host local, state, national, and international sports events, 12 exhibitions, and tournaments; and 13 14 WHEREAS, one of the best attributes of such a complex in 15 Waimea is the sunny weather, which will enable sporting events 16 to take place in a beautiful and sunny location; and 17 18 19 WHEREAS, the construction and renovation of the complex will be divided into five separate phases (1a, 1b, 2, 3a, and 20 3b); and 21 22 WHEREAS, the proposed Waimea sports complex will include: 23 24 (1)A college and high school baseball field; 25 26 27 (2) A pony league baseball field; 28 Four softball fields; (3) 29 30 A regulation track and football field; (4)31 32 Twelve acres designed for a soccer field; 33 (5) 34 (6) A multi-use field; 35 36 Two outdoor covered basketball courts; and 37 (7) 38 A nine-mile pedestrian path; and (8) 39 40 41 WHEREAS, the construction of the proposed Waimea sports complex is a collaborative effort to be built by the County of 42

Kauai, with the support of the west side communities and the

Waimea Sport Complex Steering Committee; the completed Waimea

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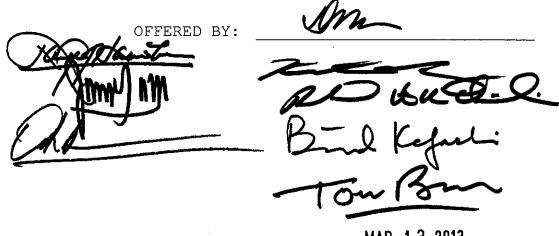
sports complex will be under the jurisdiction of the County of Kauai Department of Parks and Recreation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Mayor of the County of Kauai and the Kauai County Council are urged to continue working with the Waimea Sport Complex Steering Committee and communities on the west side of Kauai to expedite the construction of the Waimea sports complex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the County of Kauai is urged to continue the negotiations with the land owners of the abutting lands needed for the construction of the Waimea sports complex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism is urged to provide information on sports tourism in the State upon the request of the Mayor or County Council of Kauai; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Kauai, the Chairperson of the Kauai County Council, the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and the Chairperson of the Waimea Sport Complex Steering Committee.



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