
HOUSE 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.

1 WHEREAS, the west side of Kauai consists of Eleele,
2 Hanapepe, Kaunakani, Makaweli, Waimea, and Kekaha districts; and
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4 WHEREAS, these districts have experienced a drastic decline
5 in their population and economy for various reasons including
6 the closing of the sugar plantations and the lack of development
7 in the area; and
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9 WHEREAS, the only major housing development from Hanapepe
10 to Kekaha is the Kekaha Hawaiian Homes subdivision; and
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12 WHEREAS, many of the existing homes on the west side of
13 Kauai have been converted to vacation rentals, subsequently
14 impacting the number of housing units available to long-term
15 renters and the drop in enrollment at Waimea High School; and
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17 WHEREAS, in the summer of 2012, the State of Hawaii senior
18 softball tournament, hosting fifty softball teams, was held on
19 Kauai and played on three existing baseball fields and three
20 makeshift baseball fields in the Hanapepe area; and
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22 WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Waimea High School Baseball
23 Tournament was held on three baseball fields in Hanapepe,
24 Vidinha Stadium, and Kapaa High School; and
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26 WHEREAS, the creation of a large sports complex in Waimea
27 would provide accommodations for large events and tournaments,
28 thus attracting more sporting events to the area and increasing
29 revenue generation; and
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31 WHEREAS, with the increase in activity provided by a large
32 sports complex, landowners in the area may determine that the



1 development of housing projects in the Waimea area would be more
2 feasible; and

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4 WHEREAS, a Waimea sports complex would be able to hold
5 sporting events, including football, soccer, softball, track,
6 and basketball; and

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8 WHEREAS, a Waimea sports complex could provide facilities
9 to host local, state, national, and international sports events,
10 exhibitions, and tournaments; and

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12 WHEREAS, one of the best attributes of such a complex in
13 Waimea is the sunny weather, which will enable sporting events
14 to take place in a beautiful and sunny location; and

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16 WHEREAS, the construction and renovation of the complex
17 will be divided into five separate phases (1a, 1b, 2, 3a, and
18 3b); and

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20 WHEREAS, the proposed Waimea sports complex will include:

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22 (1) A college and high school baseball field;
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24 (2) A pony league baseball field;
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26 (3) Four softball fields;
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28 (4) A regulation track and football field;
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30 (5) Twelve acres designed for a soccer field;
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32 (6) A multi-use field;
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34 (7) Two outdoor covered basketball courts; and
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36 (8) A nine-mile pedestrian path; and

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38 WHEREAS, the construction of the proposed Waimea sports
39 complex is a collaborative effort to be built by the County of
40 Kauai, with the support of the west side communities and the
41 Waimea Sport Complex Steering Committee; the completed Waimea
42 sports complex will be under the jurisdiction of the County of
43 Kauai Department of Parks and Recreation; now, therefore,
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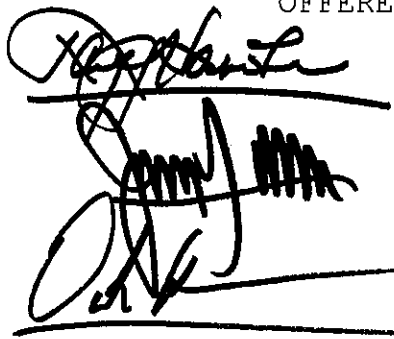
1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 3 Session of 2013, that the Mayor of the County of Kauai and the
 4 Kauai County Council are urged to continue working with the
 5 Waimea Sport Complex Steering Committee and communities on the
 6 west side of Kauai to expedite the construction of the Waimea
 7 sports complex; and

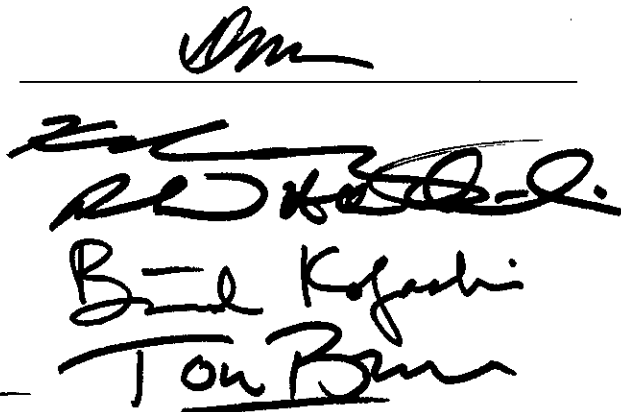
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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the County of
 10 Kauai is urged to continue the negotiations with the land owners
 11 of the abutting lands needed for the construction of the Waimea
 12 sports complex; and

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

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