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Valerie Hanohano	Individual	Support	No

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Braeden Samura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hi my name is Braeden, I live in Waimea, I'm in the 4th grade and I go to HPA. I think we should have more parks and gyms because there are a lot of sports that need places to practice. I play basketball and baseball. My basketball team name is called Waimea Athletics and my baseball team name is Waimea Dodgers. I think we should get more gyms because it will help spread out the teams so they can have more practice and it would be good for volleyball and other indoor sports. I think we should have more parks because it would help out with soccer, baseball and football. This is important to me. It means that teams could have more places to practice on. I support this bill because I play sports and its better for me, my family and my friends. Aloha. Braeden Samura.

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Melora Purell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Rep. Evans and Committee, As a mother and active community member of Waimea, I strongly support the creation of the Waimea Community Park. I have seen our kids practicing sports on lawns and sub-par fields all around town because we do not have adequate space for all the activities that our youth athletes and families need. Support from the State for this important community park will go a long way towards making our town a happier, healthier place for our children to grow up. Mahalo for your support!

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Melissa Samura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Each season, Waimea is faced with a shortage of field and gym space. Right now in our Spring season, Waimea has 12 coed basketball teams (no County gyms), 8 total tee ball & coach pitch teams, 3 kupuna softball teams, 2 age group softball teams, 2 little league minor & major teams, 2 mustang, 1 bronco & 1 pinto baseball team...all who practice at Waimea park. We are so limited on space that each team can only practice twice during the weekday. Flag football season has started up with practices being held at Waimea Middle School. Rugby season is also in session, in addition to HYSA club soccer. There is no County gym in Waimea..... WE NEED ONE! The number of kids playing sports increase every year! We need our facilities to be increased as well. Thank you for supporting this bill! Melissa Samura

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March 12, 2014

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Lowen and Water and Land committee members thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in support of SB2677.

My name is Mel Macy and I am a member of the Waimea District Park Builders and our mission is and has been for the past several years is to get a district/regional park built in the community of Waimea on the Big Island. Our thanks to Senator Solomon for her support by introducing this bill that would allow that to continue.

#### Recreational Facility needs in Waimea Hawaii, Big Island of Hawaii

- Waimea currently has a small 5 acre park in the middle of town. It has one softball field and two small practice fields.
- I have played, coached and umpired at the park for over 30 years and witnessed firsthand how inadequate the facility is for a community this size. Basically one softball field is shared by all sports teams. Other smaller areas around town have been leveled and used for practice facilities out of necessity.
- Women's softball, men's softball, senior softball, little league from tee ball to seniors, football, soccer, and rugby all share the same field. Changing the field by moving the bases, taking out or putting back a pitcher's mound, adding or removing striping in the outfield is a common event.
- Often times when the ball field is being used by the strong hitting leagues the practice fields could not be used for safety reasons.
- The great Waimea weather allows many of these sports to be played year around but the lack of facilities severely restricts that.
- Vehicular parking in and around this small park is very limited. Patrons end up parking in the residential area and walking across busy streets to get to the park. Unsafe for young and old alike.

#### History of the Waimea District/Regional Park

- Eight years ago at the request of the Waimea Community Association on the Big Island of Hawaii I was asked to get involved in helping to build a District/Regional recreational facility in Waimea.
- We formed a group of local residents and concerned citizens with one goal in mind, to get a District Park, with the capabilities of expanding to a regional park, in Waimea.
- The County Council agreed with us and approved funding of \$1M to start the planning and design of the Park.
- The County of Hawaii issued a contract and requested bids for the Waimea District/Regional Park Master Planning Project. Funds were allocated for this and PBR Hawaii was awarded the contract. The contract stipulated that the Waimea District Park Builders (WDPB) would work with the community, the County Of Hawaii and PBR throughout the life of the contract.
- PBR lead the County and WDPB through the site selection process. The County in consultation with WDPB determined the site location.
- Parker Ranch, a local landowner, donated the first 24+ acres and has agreed to allow us an additional 26 acres to be purchased at a later date for expansion to a regional park.
- PBR and WDPB held several community meetings and organized a two day charette to gather community input on the desires and lay out of the district park.
- PBR has completed the Master Plan Contract and the EA has been completed.
- The 24 acre parcel has been recorded with the Bureau of Conveyances and the land transfer from Parker Ranch to the County of Hawaii is currently underway.

- Matching State funds of \$2.5 million were appropriated in the 2013 legislative session for the design and construction of a portion of phase 1a of the Waimea District/Regional Park. Governor Abercrombie approved the State funding in November 2013.
- The Hawaii County council voted in favor of accepting the State appropriation. Mayor Keno approved the appropriation and included the \$2.5 million in a bond package for 2014. The bond package was approved by the County Council and the \$5 million joint funding is currently in place.
- Hawaii County Dept. of Parks and Recreation selected an Engineering firm to start work on the design and engineering of phase 1a. The design and engineering contract of phase 1a was issued to the firm in January of 2014.

#### District Park Usage and Benefits

- This park will benefit all ages. We would be able to move all baseball, soccer, rugby and football to the new park leaving the existing park for softball and casual park recreation.
- At full build out we will have two youth baseball fields, two regulation baseball fields, two regulation soccer/rugby fields, a regulation football field, community gathering area, community pavilion, gymnasium, swimming pool, family gathering area and related infrastructure.
- A district/regional park will give our youth the facility they need where they can spend their time participating in sports, getting daily exercise and honing their athletic skills. The result would be a healthier life style and a lower juvenile delinquency rate. Childhood obesity is on the rise and we all need to do our part to combat that.
- Health and wellness of keiki to kupuna. We as a state and nation face a huge obesity/diabetes/heart disease crisis, this facility is about supporting wellness and reducing medical costs.
- Activities for our youth support drug prevention, teach life skills, and build character.
- A large number of our children are "latch key" kids, home alone in the afternoon, with the right facility we can promote activities that can best utilize these high risk hours.
- We would be able to hold island and state wide athletic events and tournaments that we have no way of accommodating now.
- We would welcome the use by local schools both public and private and community non profits.
- The park site is situated in close proximity to the town center. Access would be by bicycle and pedestrian traffic as well as vehicular traffic.

In summary: The Community, the WDPB, and the County of Hawaii have come a long way in getting this project to the point it is at now. We cannot go further without larger scale funding. Our community is continuing to grow and the recreational facilities have not kept up with the growth. We out grew our existing park 20+ years ago. If we stay on our construction plan we should be exhausting the 2013 appropriated funds in 2015. We are asking the Senate and the House of Representative to continue their support of this project to meet the ever expanding recreational needs of our community. This district/regional park will meet that need and make our community a much more desirable, healthier, and safer place to live and raise our families.

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Brooke Samura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Brooke. I think we should build a new gym because then we could have more time to do the kinds of sports we need to do in gyms and we get more time to play. I think we should build a new park because there might be tons of people in waimea that never get a chance to come because they are so busy. so i think we should build more parks in waimea to keep people happy. I'm 8 years old and I think this idea of mine is important to a lot of people in waimea. Brooke supports the community. goodbye.

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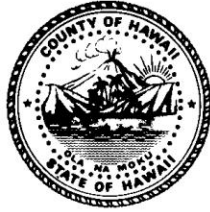
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Karen Bail	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill to improve the lives of all our Waimea and North Hawaii community members. A park offers healthy choices. One nearby reduces travel distance saving money and protecting the environment thru decreased fuel consumption. This extra time and money is put back into the community. Everyone benefits again!

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March 17, 2014

The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Water & Land  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Senate Bill 2677, SD 2 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AS THE STATE'S SHARE OF JOINT FUNDING WITH THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO WAIMEA DISTRICT/REGIONAL PARK

Aloha, Chair Evans and Committee Members:

The County of Hawai'i strongly supports the need for the Waimea District/Regional Park. New park facilities in Waimea are urgently needed and will benefit the entire North Hawai'i community. Our residents have long been asking for new and better parks to keep our children and youth active and engaged in healthy, positive activities, and to provide more recreational opportunities for our seniors and families.

Waimea's primary existing county park is fully developed, but was built on a limited space that required that various sports fields be constructed in locations that overlap with one another. That means only one game of one sport can be played at any given time. The park hosts baseball, softball, football and soccer events for teams of all age groups from keiki through kupuna, and community demand far outweighs available playing time slots. The baseball field is lit for nighttime use, but community requests for additional playing time still exceed the available slots.

Mahalo for your support for this important project to create new recreational opportunities for the North Hawai'i community and improve the quality of life for our residents and families.

Aloha,

**William P. Kenoi**  
MAYOR

Sherman Warner  
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March 15, 2014

The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania St., Room 325  
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**Testimony in Favor of Senate Bill 2677, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AS THE STATE'S SHARE OF JOINT FUNDING WITH THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO WAIMEA DISTRICT/REGIONAL PARK**

Aloha Chair Evans and Committee Members,

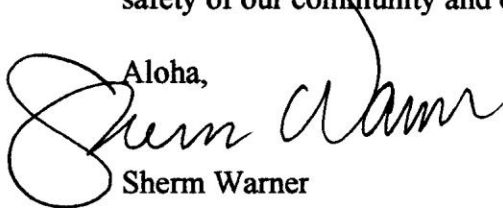
I am a resident of Waimea and a member of the Waimea District Park Builders, a community group advocating for this badly needed park. I urge you support additional funding for this park that will serve not only Waimea, but also all of North Hawai'i.

When I first played in Waimea's existing County park in 1958, it met the needs of the community, but with the tremendous population growth in the intervening decades and without room to expand, it has been a long, long time since it adequately met the needs of our community. The need for additional fields and facilities is driven not only by population growth but also by the addition of organized sports, like youth soccer, that didn't exist when I played there in my teens. Since that time, there has been a historic change as well—organized sports for girls and women that have greatly increased the demand for fields and playing time.

From the youngest keiki football players who seem to stagger under the weight of their helmets to our kupuna who need space for their quieter activities, our regional community needs an expanded and improved park. We need a space where tournaments are possible. We need more fields so that teams won't have to go to Kona or Honoka'a to play their "home" games. And we need park facilities with adequate parking that keeps children away from the busy traffic of Kawaihae Road.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your continued support of the Waimea District/Regional Park, a critical part of the infrastructure needed to provide for the health and safety of our community and our visitors.

Aloha,



Sherm Warner

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allison harmon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello! My name is Allie and I support the joint funding of a new Waimea park. I moved to Waimea from Denver many years ago and I have watched this town grow from a small one horse town (well sorta) to the dynamic full community it is today. We are bursting at the seams here. Waimea needs a park we can continue to grow into. Waimea is going to be a top economy center for the Big Island in no time and we need to be able to attract professional families with a park that fits. We need our kids to feel comfortable for the families to feel comfortable. Please support SB2677

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Janet Lai	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please help to keep Waimea up to date with a park for all of us and visitors to enjoy.

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MaryHelen Higgins	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The community of Waimea (Kamuela) deserves this park. The area covers a huge amount of land and a large, diverse population, all of whom are very community minded, outdoor loving, and in desperate need of this kind of facility. It will serve this large population well and in turn they will care for it.

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Rhonda Bell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am Rhonda Bell a resident born and raised in Waimea on the Big Island. I am a mother of 2 active boys ages 10 and 12. I have watched our community grow rapidly in the past 10 years and we have not gotten any more facilities in our community to support our children and their various year round sporting events. My boys play flag football, tackle football, rugby, basketball, soccer and tennis. Our multi-purpose fields are being shared with many other community sports like senior softball, adult soccer, adult Frisbee etc. etc. Our fields stand no chance to recover from the abuse that each sport brings. Our field is over worked beyond measure. This is very unsafe for our children to play on, the cinders are very hard and sore, the fields become bumpy and cause many unnecessary injuries. Sharing the field with other sports is also a safety issue. Having a hard softball being hit and landing in the middle of a youth football practice is very unsafe. We have ONE gym in our community that is actually owned by Waimea School and is no longer a County gym or a "community" gym. This small gym is not enough for all of our volleyball and basketball teams. We have many basketball teams that look for other practicing alternatives. Practicing on the outside courts near the tennis courts is very dangerous. There are numerous tree branches that fall onto the court, the children are out in the cold wind and misty rain during the entire practice. This is not acceptable. Our community is too big and deserves adequate facilities for all of our community sports. We ask that this Regional Park be pushed with urgency to support our children and to encourage other children to be active. We would like to see this park come to reality before our children graduate from high school. They work so hard and practice so hard that they deserve a place to play safely. Mahalo for your time, Rhonda Bell

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Penny Vredenburg	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Once again, for the sake of Waimea Community's health and safety - we are submitting testimony for you to PLEASE pass this bill! Waimea District park needs attention immediately. And you are the only ones who can help! Gratefully, P. Vredenburg

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Steve Jefferson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our park is grossly overused and a cornerstone of the community. We need more park space, badly. Kids don't have enough space to practice/play sports.

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Kimberly Macy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The extreme growth of Waimea is a culmination of an unparalleled landscape and residents flocking to be a part of it. Somewhere along the way parts of the town couldn't keep up with the demand. One particular part being the current athletic fields. In the past few years alone Waimea has experience the influx of at least 3 large housing developments. Yet our park has not grown since who knows when. Growing up in Waimea I had the privilege of experiencing the park when my middle school softball team would when we could practice three times a week without having to share with another team. Today Waimea kids including my nieces and nephews have to drive to Hilo or Kohala just to play baseball or soccer. That isn't right, we are a large town now, we need a park that reflects that. PLEASE SUPPORT SB2677

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Jo Barboza	Individual	Support	No

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Derek Paulson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "Growing" should be the slogan for our once small country town of Waimea. I was born and raised here, here being these soccer, foot ball and rugby fields. It was always a struggle to find field space. If you were assigned a field with a set time they meant it, practices could never go late and we could never practice on the sidelines because that we also being slotted for another team. It was almost impossible to go to the park on a Saturday with my Dad to practice and find an open space for people just trying to use the "public" park. I want to raise my family here, I want to keep my business here but the towns infrastructure needs to grow with the community. A very great BIG step in the right direction is a new park for the adults and keikis of Waimea.

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John Wray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to express my support for SB2677. The current park is too small, too overused, and has parking only around the periphery of the park. Many current park users are illegally parking on private roads nearby, and crossing the busy Lindsey Road and Kawaihae Road to access their cars. A newer, larger park with ample parking and restroom facilities is badly needed.

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Nancy Carr Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Margaret Hind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It has become critical in our rapidly growing community to have more park space!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Paulson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To Honorable Senator Malama Solomon Dear Madam Senator: Thank you so much for your support and work to make the construction of our new athletic fields happen here in Waimea. Please share my testimony with the House of Representatives: I speak for countless parents and coaches here in Waimea where I have been a resident for over 30 years. Our town has more than tripled since I have moved here yet our quaint park and few athletic fields are seriously bursting at the seams. We have been at the point of reducing the number of weekly practices as well as the length practice hours to accommodate the many teams needing the space. We yearn to keep our keiki outside being physically active especially since their outside-time is so sadly limited at school. I know I don't have to impress upon you the extreme importance of building solid character and good health by fostering teamwork, keeping up the fight against obesity and the constant nurturing of mental and physical well being in an organized manner. We are so very grateful for the donated lands and are dying to see this overdue sports complex become a reality for our precious children. The children are our future; construction cannot begin soon enough. With my sincere gratitude and eager anticipation. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SIGNATURES OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN RESIDING IN WAIMEA

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Dina Strittmatter	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hello, I have four children ages 5-10. As we all know parks and rec can be such a wonderful part of growing up. It gives us the opportunity to meet people outside of our existing social circles. And I don't mean just the kids but the adults as well. At our 5 year olds last tee ball game, the coach looked at my husband, shook his hand and said, "Now we are friends.". Waimea needsresources to foster relationships that happen through parks and rec. Without fields and gym space these friendships don't have a chance. Thank you, Dina

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Comments: i support the park bill.

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