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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The county of Hawaii has undertaken
2 construction of improvements to Waimea district/regional park.
3 The mayor of Hawaii county proposes a joint funding with the
4 State to defray the costs to the county in this economical
5 stringent times.

6 Waimea is also a growing sports community. As of last
7 March, there was a twenty-three per cent increase in the county
8 of Hawaii's parks and recreation sports community, which is
9 already active in soccer, football, baseball, little league,
10 softball, rugby, basketball, baseball, volleyball, frisbee, and
11 T-ball. Despite Waimea's vibrant sports community, the district
12 currently has only one small five-acre park in the middle of
13 town. It has one softball field and two small practice fields.
14 Women's softball, men's softball, senior softball, little league
15 from T-ball to seniors, football, soccer, and rugby all share
16 the same field.



1 The Waimea community has long been lacking in active
2 playing fields for various sports, and for more than twenty
3 years, the community has been promised a park to help all the
4 sports organizations and non-profits to congregate. Without
5 sufficient facilities, it does not have enough space to support
6 the increase of youth and adult sports programs, nor does it
7 have a county gym to support these many youth and adult team
8 sports. Waimea residents have sought new and better park
9 facilities to keep their children and youth active and engaged
10 in healthy, positive activities and to provide recreational
11 opportunities for seniors and families.

12 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for a
13 grant-in-aid to Hawaii county as the State's contribution to
14 jointly fund improvements to the Waimea district/regional park.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 as a
18 grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii to construct improvements
19 to Waimea district/regional park on the island of Hawaii, as
20 follows part of phase 1a of the master plan, which includes a
21 drainage master plan, fifty acres or more of park site mass
22 grading, off-site infrastructure improvements (water pipeline,



1 gravity sewer main, and power facility), park access road,
2 parking area, drainage dike treatment, one regulation football
3 field, one regulation soccer and rugby field, and one comfort
4 station.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
6 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 2677

Report Title:

County of Hawaii; Waimea District Park/Regional Park Funding;
Grant-in-Aid; Appropriation

Description:

Makes a grant to Hawaii county as the State's share of joint funding with Hawaii county for improvements to the Waimea district/regional park on the island of Hawaii.

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