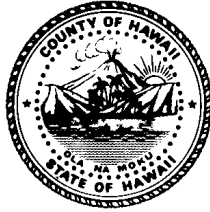


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February 25, 2014

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
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Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 211
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Senate Bill 2677, SD 1 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 Ige and Committee Members:

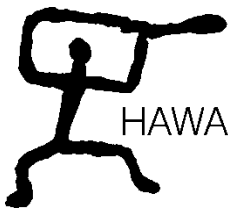
The County of Hawai'i strongly supports the need for the Waimea District/Regional Park. New park facilities in Waimea are urgently needed and will benefit the entire North Hawai'i community. Our residents have long been asking for new and better parks to keep our children and youth active and engaged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



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Testimony for the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Regarding Senate Bill 2677, SD1

Relating to 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.

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The Honorable Senator David Ige, Chair; Vice Chair Michelle Kidani; and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members:

I am Jacqui Hoover President of the Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference (HLPC) a Hawaii Island member-based organization comprised of a diverse constituency including Ali'i Trusts, agriculture, planning, construction, development, engineering, design, financial institutions, and utilities committed to sound planning, wise use of resources and effective government process.

SB2677 by providing funding for improvements to the Waimea district /regional park speaks directly to HLPC's concern for and support of efforts that contribute to the overall health, well-being, and quality of life for Hawai'i Island's residents (and visitors)

The Waimea community has outgrown its existing recreational facilities and is in great need for additional facilities. In developing our Community Development Plan (CDP), we identified a regional park as a primary need. The land donated by Parker Ranch is step one towards ensuring that both keiki and adults have a place and opportunity to engage in healthy activities.

HLPC's 100+ members and affiliates strongly support and humbly request your support of SB2677 to provide the State's portion of funds in collaboration with the County of Hawaii. Your support would be both greatly appreciated and more importantly, will have tremendous positive impact on the comprehensive socio-economic health of the Waimea Community.

Mahalo for this opportunity to speak in support of [SB2677, SD1](#).

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I support SB 2677 SD1. Please approve the funding so our community can have a bigger, better park. The current park we have is overcrowded and parking is both dangerous and scarce. Please support our community's need. Thank you to Senator Solomon for her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for our keiki & families. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Mahalo,

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barbara kamrow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The park is the heart beat of Waimea for many people seeking purposeful activities and recreation opportunities for their families. It meets the needs of folks from preschool through senior citizen status. Any help your committee can provide in enhancing its role in the life our active community would be greatly appreciated.

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Subject: SB2677

I am writing in support of SB2677. I am a mother of four. Waimea's park resources are great but extremely strained. Our community has grown and continues to expand. Our small park is overcrowded and limits the amount of extracurricular opportunities for our keiki. Parking is also a problem and is dangerous with people having to park on the road and highway and cross with their families to reach the existing park. Please help us build more adequate facilities and support a healthy, safe lifestyle for our families.

Mahalo,

Carolyn L. Wong

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Derek Paulson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This town needs a park! We have too many kids and such a small park. Every year more and more kids are turned away by waimea teams because there aren't enough fields to practice. These kids then have to travel to hilo or kohala to join their sports team. This is not something we should be having our children go through just to join a team and play a sport. Help our keikis stay in our town and play in our park, we need more fields!

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Please lend your whole-hearted support to this measure. It fulfills a long-standing need for our growing community. The eventual completion of the recreational complex will enhance the health, safety, and well-being of not only the Waimea community but all the future users who will gather there for competitive as well as non-competitive events. Your approval of the funding request moves the project forward with immeasurable benefits for residents and visitors alike. Mahalo for your serious consideration.



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Jason Macy	Individual	Support	No

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Kimberly Macy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: WE NEED A PARK! 10 years ago when I was young enough to utilize the park there wasn't enough room. Today my nieces and nephews are at that age where they want to participate in sports from softball to football. However the park is just too small, practices are cut short, games are compromised by sharing an outfield with another game and worst of all new teams can't form because there just isn't enough room. Please help the keikis in our town have the same life experience as neighboring town by providing us with a park that fits the demand.

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Laura Monahan	Individual	Support	No

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Linda West	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Waimea is a growing sports community with very few facilities for various sports. Waimea residents are seeking better park facilities to keep their children and youth active and engaged in healthy positive activities . Please vote yes.

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February 22, 2014

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Ways and Means 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 Kenoi 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 contract for the design and engineering 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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Penny Vredenburg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My family and I are in complete SUPPORT of this bill...our community is growing....our public park is not. We deserve safe, up-dated park facilities. Our children deserve this! Please help won't you? It is up to you. Please hear our plea! Thank you most sincerely, Penny Vredenburg

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Sherm Warner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2677 Chairman Ige and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, My name is Sherman Warner, and I am a resident of Waimea. I am testifying in favor of SB2677, which provides funding for the next phase of the construction of the Waimea District Park. Fifty-six years ago, when I first played at Waimea's current park, it met the needs of the community as well as those of the nearby school, which I attended. But that was long ago, and decades have passed since Waimea Park's size and facilities could adequately serve the community. Most importantly, over those decades the district has grown, and there is a pressing need for a centrally located park which can meet the needs of the South Kohala district. Organized leagues, from peewee to seniors, playing soccer, softball, football, rugby, baseball, and basketball have a difficult time scheduling available fields for their games. Recreational facilities for seniors are lacking in our community. Parking is extremely limited, and nearly all of it is along the sides of heavily-traveled Kawaihae and Lindsey Roads, where parents have to worry constantly about the safety of their children. As the population of Waimea and the District of South Kohala continues to grow, completion of the Waimea District Park is essential. The Waimea District Park is not just about "fun and games." It is a critical and overdue part of South Kohala's infrastructure, providing for the health of our communities. Its completion will mean that South Kohala teams will no longer have to travel to Honoka'a or Kona to find fields for their "home" games. I urge you to support SB2677, which provides funding for the next phase in the development of this critically needed park. Mahalo for your consideration. Sherm Warner PO Box 1185 Kamuela, HI 96743

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