
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CREATE INCLUSIVE
PLAYGROUNDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a
2 civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against
3 individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life,
4 including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and
5 private places that are open to the general public; and
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7 WHEREAS, the purpose of the ADA is to ensure that people
8 with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as
9 everyone else by granting them civil rights protections similar
10 to those protections provided to individuals on the basis of
11 race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion, and to
12 guarantee equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in
13 public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and
14 local government services, and telecommunications; and
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16 WHEREAS, play is crucial for human development, the growth
17 of social skills, and self-confidence; and
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19 WHEREAS, an accessible playground is one that offers a
20 range of play experiences to children of varying abilities and
21 generally complies with the ADA, but does not mean that each and
22 every feature or event must be usable by every child; and
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24 WHEREAS, an inclusive playground provides more for people
25 with disabilities than accessible playgrounds by taking away the
26 barriers to inclusion, both physical and social, and providing a
27 "sensory rich" experience for all; and
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29 WHEREAS, children without disabilities may also benefit
30 from inclusive playgrounds by connecting with children from



1 different backgrounds and abilities, and gain empathy, social,
2 and emotional skills; and
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4 WHEREAS, inclusive playgrounds provide benefits to more
5 individuals than just children since there are far more parents
6 and grandparents with disabilities than children and cross-
7 generational play is beneficial for families; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that play experiences at
10 parks should be accessible for all children and their families,
11 without regard to physical ability; and
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13 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu currently lacks
14 inclusive playgrounds; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
19 Honolulu is urged to create, at minimum, one inclusive
20 playground accessible to children and caregivers of all physical
21 abilities; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
24 is urged to obtain and consider community input before any
25 design or construction takes place; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that inclusive playgrounds should be
28 designed and constructed in accordance with the Americans with
29 Disabilities Act of 1990, P.L. 101-336, the 2010 Americans with
30 Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design, and any
31 relevant guidelines issued by the United States Department of
32 Justice, including but not limited to accessibility guidelines
33 on play areas, play surfaces, play components, and access
34 routes; and
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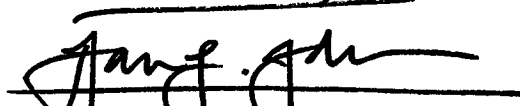
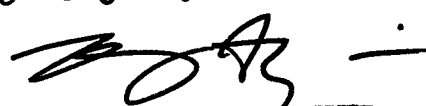
36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that inclusive playgrounds should be
37 designed and constructed with sufficient and accessible
38 amenities, including parking spaces and bathrooms; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City



1 and County of Honolulu and the Director of the Department of
2 Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu.
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