
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE RACETRACK OR RACE WAY
PARK ON OAHU AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO FACILITATE
AND APPROVE ITS DEVELOPMENT AT THE CITY PARK PROPERTY
IDENTIFIED IN COUNCIL RESOLUTION 18-265.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that auto racing has a rich
2 history in the State, with drag racing on the island of Oahu
3 dating back to the early 1950's; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii Raceway Park provided motor sports
6 enthusiasts a legal venue to race from 1962 until its closure in
7 2006; and
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9 WHEREAS, in the past thirty years, the State and City and
10 County of Honolulu, through the use of state and county CIP
11 funds, have subsidized and supported the development of
12 recreational facilities such as multi-purpose gymnasiums, arena
13 venues, skateboard parks, swimming pools, a commercial driver's
14 license training area, soccer fields, basketball courts,
15 shooting ranges, archery ranges, baseball fields, football
16 fields, a football stadium, tennis courts, dog parks, volleyball
17 courts, beach volleyball courts, botanical gardens, and golf
18 driving ranges and courses; and
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20 WHEREAS, for the past forty years, county parks programs
21 from the County of Hawaii, County of Maui, and County of Kauai
22 have provided the public state and county supported raceway park
23 facilities at closed air field land granted by the military to
24 the respective county parks departments for public recreational
25 use by motorsports fans as raceway parks; and



1 WHEREAS, through the use of such granted lands, the public
2 has at least one raceway park or racetrack to provide drivers a
3 legal and controlled alternative to racing on public streets and
4 highways; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council unanimously approved
7 resolution 18-73, which finds the need for an Oahu raceway park
8 or racetrack is urgent, longstanding, and a matter of public
9 safety, and directs the City Administration to take certain
10 actions to facilitate development of a racetrack or raceway park
11 on Oahu, including but not limited to by determining whether
12 there are city-owned properties that may be a suitable site; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that two hundred twenty
15 acres of closed military air field land in Kalaeloa is available
16 for use as a raceway park or race track; and
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18 WHEREAS, this land was granted to the City and County of
19 Honolulu through Council Resolution 98-258 and the City and
20 County submitted an application for federal surplus property for
21 public park or recreation purposes to the National Park Service
22 for this land on June 1, 1999; and
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24 WHEREAS, the application to the National Park Service
25 acknowledged that car racing is an acknowledged recreational
26 activity and the abandoned military infrastructure at Kalaeloa
27 is appropriate for car racing; and
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29 WHEREAS, on May 31, 2011, the Department of Parks and
30 Recreation for the City and County of Honolulu acknowledged that
31 it is not economically feasible to repurpose the Kalaeloa land
32 for a conventional ball and field or court sports training
33 facility as proposed in the June 1, 1999 application and deleted
34 it as a proposed use; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu
37 adopted Council Resolution 18-265 to urge the City
38 Administration to expedite the transfer of deed for the Kalaeloa
39 lands to the City for use in perpetuity as a public park or
40 recreational area; and



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