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# SENATE 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.

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  
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27           WHEREAS, through the use of such granted lands, the public  
28 has at least one raceway park or racetrack to provide drivers a



1 legal and controlled alternative to racing on public streets and  
2 highways; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council unanimously approved  
5 resolution 18-73, which finds the need for an Oahu raceway park  
6 or racetrack is urgent, longstanding, and a matter of public  
7 safety, and directs the City Administration to take certain  
8 actions to facilitate development of a racetrack or raceway park  
9 on Oahu, including but not limited to by determining whether  
10 there are city-owned properties that may be a suitable site; and  
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12 WHEREAS, no alternative site for a racetrack or raceway  
13 park has been identified on Oahu since the closure of Hawaii  
14 Raceway Park in 2006; now, therefore,  
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
17 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of  
18 Representatives concurring, that the Legislature urges the Parks  
19 and Recreation Department of the City and County of Honolulu to  
20 enter into a public-private partnership with a credible, well-  
21 vetted, non-profit organization in good business standing, with  
22 a verifiable history of positive community benefit and service  
23 to develop a proposal for the design, financing, construction,  
24 and operation of a racetrack facility; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
27 and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
28 are requested to facilitate and approve the development of a  
29 motor vehicle racetrack or raceway park; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public  
33 Safety; the Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
34 Tourism; and the Mayor, Department of Parks and Recreation, and  
35 the Council of the City and County of Honolulu.

