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March 25, 2021
3:16 p.m.
State Capitol, Teleconference

S.C.R. 263
CONVENING A PUBLIC RACING FACILITY WORKING GROUP TO LOCATE AND
ESTABLISH A PUBLIC RACING FACILITY ON OAHU TO IMPROVE SAFETY,
BOOST ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, AND PROVIDE FOR RECREATION.

Senate Committee(s) on Transportation & Economic Development and Technology

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of S.C.R. 263 to locate and establish a public racing facility on Oahu.

The DOT appreciates its membership to the public racing facility working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SCR-263

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 3:51:53 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Climate Protectors Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

STRONG OPPOSITION! Unless the vehicles are all zero emissions, a race track would encourage wasteful use of fossil fuels, contributing to the climate crisis. Now is a time we should all focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions by using internal combustion engine vehicles less and in more energy efficient ways, not considering a race track.

TESTIMONY FROM : Li Cobian
Of
The Oahu Motorsports Association &
former Member of THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION,
City & County of Honolulu (2011 to 2018) and active participant of the STATE
2020 SCORP (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan).

IN SUPPORT OF SCR 263
of the 31st Legislative Session, 2021

The Oahu Motorsports Association along with tens of thousands of motorsports enthusiasts on Oahu support a Public Race Park on Oahu and supports SCR 263. Public Race parks in partnership with their County and State Departments have provided a great public benefit both recreational and economically on the Big Island, Kauai and Maui for the past 50 years.

Through the unanimously approved City Reso 18-73 of 2018, the City & County of Honolulu also supports the development of a Public Race Park under the jurisdiction of the City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation.

CITY COUNCIL
 CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
 HONOLULU, HAWAII
 STATUS

RESOLUTION 18-73

Introduced: 03/27/18 By: ANN KOBAYASHI Committee: PARKS, COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE RACETRACK OR RACEWAY PARK ON OAHU.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

		CC-118 KOBAYASHI – RE-REFERRAL FROM TRANSPORTATION TO PARKS, COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES
04/17/18	PARKS, COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES	CR-131 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
04/25/18	COUNCIL	CR-131 AND RESOLUTION 18-73 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

APPROVED VERSIONS:	COMMITTEE REPORTS:	AGENDAS:	MINUTES:
RES18-73	CR-131	04/17/18-PCCS 04/25/18 - COUNCIL	04/17/18 - PCCS 04/25/18 - COUNCIL
		Speaker Registration/Testimony	

The DLNR State Parks also supports a Public Race Park on Oahu to be under the City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks & Recreation jurisdiction;

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KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

April 13, 2018

CITY COUNCIL
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077
ATTN: CITY CLERK

RE: CITY RACE TRACK, RESOLUTION 18-73

Aloha:

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks is in support of Resolution 18-73, to create a City and County of Honolulu managed vehicle race track.

On the neighbor islands of Kauai, Maui and Hawaii, the Counties manage and operate these types of recreational features for the public's enjoyment – and just as important – to provide a managed venue for authorized racing as a deterrent to street racing. It is our understanding that authorized and managed venues for vehicles to race provide a viable and important outlet that increases public safety.

In addition, State Land under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Division of State Parks (DSP) is neither an appropriate land base to support this type of activity, nor does DLNR have any programs or staff positions with either the requisite funding or skill that allows for management of a raceway park. However, it is our understanding that City and County of Honolulu has the requisite land, funding, expertise and community support to manage a new raceway park.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this subject.

If there are any questions, you may reach me at (808) 587-0292 or at Curt.A.Cottrell@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curt A. Cottrell".

Curt A. Cottrell
Administrator
Division of State Parks

As per Mr. Curt Cotrell Administrator of DLNR Division of State Parks stated, such requisite land under the City & County of Honolulu is the suitable 220 acres out of 400 acres of Designated Kalaehoa Parkland where the US Navy hosted Sports Car Auto Racing in 1999. This is the US NAVY property through the National Parks Service in which the City & County of Honolulu in 1999 specifically applied for Public Recreational Use in perpetuity. In support of City Reso 18-73 another resolution (Resolution 19-265) drafted by our organization, was immediately introduced and unanimously passed to expedite the transfer and deed of this property to the City & County of Honolulu.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
STATUS

RESOLUTION 18-265

Introduced: 11/16/18 By: ANN KOBAYASHI
KYMBERLY PINE Committee: PARKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEDITE THE TRANSFER BY DEED OF 400 ACRES OF DESIGNATED KALAELOA PARKLANDS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

11/27/18	PARKS, COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES	CR-382 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
12/05/18	COUNCIL	CR-382 AND RESOLUTION 18-265 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE. 1 ABSENT: ANDERSON.
<u>CC-9(19)</u> KOBAYASHI – RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.		

APPROVED VERSIONS:	COMMITTEE REPORTS:	AGENDAS:	MINUTES:
RES18-265	CR-382	11/27/18 - PCCS 12/05/18 - COUNCIL	11/27/18 – PCCS 12/05/18 - COUNCIL

The 220 Acre area land of the 400 Acres suitable for a Race Park on Oahu is 2 to 3 times larger than the land in which the Neighbor islands Race parks are situated on. The last Race Track on Oahu that closed was only approximately 65 acres. The 220 acres is large enough to accommodate and provide the same types of motorsports recreation that is provided in the neighbor islands, on Oahu.

The 220 acre land, arid in topography and the driest on Oahu, is excellent for Motorsports, and is also situated between the Kalaeloa Airport (currently seeking FAA Part 139 Certification to increase Flight Traffic and accommodate larger passenger planes; henceforth increase noise) and the Honouliuli Waste Water Sewer Treatment Plant.

A site visit and presentation (see video link below) by and to the Kapolei Neighborhood Board of this location for a Race Park was conducted.



<https://youtu.be/M-FIBjTmuko>

It was confirmed at the site visit that the location is appropriately located away from residential areas to mitigate, traffic noise and other issues and concerns.

In support of SCR 263 and for the purpose of efficiency and to avoid redundancies and starting from scratch, we request that the members of the working group be entities of jurisdictions under the City and County of Honolulu (with a 20 years head start of this effort) as recommended and advised by the State of Hawaii DLNR Division of State Parks Administrator.

We STRONGLY SUPPORT SCR263 and request upon approval, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State of Hawaii Division of State Parks for the purpose of the 2020 SCORP (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan) in which FEDERAL Outdoor Recreation Funds under the LWCF (Land Water Conservation Fund) NOT TAX PAYERS MONIES but Federal Funds Allocated specifically for out door recreation from the Petroleum and Gas industry, will be allocated to the future Oahu Race Way Park.



Li Cobian of the Oahu Motorsports Association