

SCR263/SR222: CONVENING A PUBLIC RACING FACILITY WORKING GROUP.

To: Chair Lee, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

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My name is Whitney Young and I am writing today in opposition to convene a working group to locate and establish a public racing facility on Oahu. Despite that the goals of the committee would be to find a location appropriately located away from residential areas, the racetrack would undoubtedly be a source of pollution and would appropriate limited land for industrial use. The resolution also highlights that this venture would help boost tourism. As we have seen from the pandemic, tourism is not a sustainable industry for Hawaii and it is my opinion that continuing to lean on this one industry for Hawaii's economy is shortsighted. This measure also does not make mention of the current privately-owned race track in development, Circuit Hawaii, which appears to be making similar claims of providing economic benefits. Oahu does not need one race track, let alone two.

I do not support the further development of this project. I do not support any more time and effort that is to be given to this project.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opposition to this resolution,
Whitney Young