
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO
COLLABORATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WORLD-CLASS,
COMPREHENSIVE SPORTS COMPLEX IN WEST OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, sports play an important role in the health and
2 wellbeing of individuals in Hawaii and around the world; and
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4 WHEREAS, at the national and international level, sports
5 can be a unifier and a means for persons from different
6 communities, states, and nations to come together and celebrate
7 who they are, what they represent, and what they value; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii's warm and relatively consistent climate
10 allows for outdoor sports and training to be conducted all year,
11 making the State an excellent choice for tournaments and sports
12 training; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii's location makes it an ideal place for
15 sports teams from around the Asia-Pacific region to train and
16 compete at a world-class, comprehensive sports complex; and
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18 WHEREAS, West Oahu is one of the fastest-growing areas in
19 the State and is a perfect community in which to construct a
20 sports complex; and
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22 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu and the State of
23 Hawaii each control large parcels of land in West Oahu that
24 could potentially accommodate a sports complex, including
25 certain lands in the Kunia area adjacent to the H-1 Freeway and
26 mass transit stations; and certain parcels adjacent to Coral Sea
27 Road in Kapolei; and
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29 WHEREAS, the complex ideally should be two hundred to
30 four hundred acres or more in area and should include facilities



1 and equipment to accommodate a variety of indoor and outdoor
2 sports, including a stadium having a capacity for at least
3 sixty-five thousand spectators; at least four football or soccer
4 fields with running tracks; at least four softball or baseball
5 fields; and appropriately-sized sporting arenas with facilities
6 for boxing, gymnastics, weight-lifting, dancing, hula, swimming,
7 and other sports and activities; and

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9 WHEREAS, the complex should also include any necessary
10 ancillary facilities required to support the needs of the
11 individuals and teams using the sports complex, including
12 facilities for sports medicine, rehabilitation, education,
13 weightlifting, and team accommodations, thereby allowing the
14 complex to be a one-stop location to serve all of the complex
15 users' needs; and

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17 WHEREAS, the complex should also host a Pacific Culture
18 Center, in which Hawaii residents and visitors can share their
19 cultures with each other through exhibits, classes, and
20 performing arts; and

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22 WHEREAS, because the sports complex will be built to bring
23 together people from across the Asia-Pacific region, it presents
24 a unique opportunity to involve private and public entities from
25 across the region to partner in the complex's development and
26 providing most of the capital required for the complex's
27 development; and

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29 WHEREAS, in addition to international partners, public and
30 private entities from across the United States, including the
31 federal government, may also wish to partner in this endeavor;
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34 WHEREAS, these partnerships will allow construction of the
35 sports complex with a smaller initial capital investment by the
36 State and its political subdivisions, while also reducing risk
37 to taxpayers in the long-run; and

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39 WHEREAS, once the complex opens to the public, revenue from
40 visitors, including facility users and spectators, will generate
41 moneys to cover operation and maintenance expenses; and
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1 WHEREAS, accordingly, this facility will have the potential
2 to not only be financially self-sustaining but also to be a
3 significant revenue generator for the State, City and County of
4 Honolulu, and local businesses and residents; and
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6 WHEREAS, the sports complex will advance Hawaii's position
7 as a true place of international exchange, taking advantage of
8 the State's location at the crossroads of the Pacific, while
9 also stimulating economic growth, increasing Kapolei's standing
10 as Oahu's second city, and enhancing the quality of life for
11 West Oahu residents; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the State of Hawaii
16 and City and County of Honolulu are urged to collaborate in the
17 development of a state-of-the-art sports complex in West Oahu;
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sports complex be developed
21 in partnership with public and private partners from across the
22 United States and the Asia-Pacific region; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the complex provide
25 opportunities for international athletes to compete and train in
26 a variety of different sports while also including space for
27 culture and arts exchange; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's congressional
30 delegation work with the State and City and County of Honolulu
31 to identify potential partners for this endeavor; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor and
34 the Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu are
35 requested to study the feasibility of the development of a
36 comprehensive, world-class sports complex in West Oahu and
37 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
38 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
39 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
40 2024; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report identify locations
2 in Kunia or Kapolei for the sports complex and any actions
3 required to secure those locations for the complex, including
4 land acquisitions, leases, and district boundary amendments; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of
8 the City and County of Honolulu, and members of Hawaii's
9 congressional delegation.

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