
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO MAKE
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN HAWAII
ACCESSIBLE TO ALL HAWAII RESIDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the United States military maintains a significant
2 presence in Hawaii, with multiple installations across the
3 islands that provide housing, training grounds, and various
4 support services for military personnel and their families; and
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6 WHEREAS, these installations also include a wide range of
7 high-quality recreational facilities, such as beaches, golf
8 courses, marinas, campgrounds, gyms, bowling alleys, and
9 community centers, many of which are located on lands that were
10 once public or ceded lands; and
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12 WHEREAS, much of the land currently occupied by the United
13 States military in Hawaii, including areas now used for
14 recreational purposes, was acquired under contested
15 circumstances, including the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian
16 Kingdom in 1893, the subsequent annexation of Hawaii by the
17 United States without a treaty of cession, and the continued
18 occupation of lands that were originally intended for the
19 benefit of the Hawaiian people under the Hawaiian Homes
20 Commission Act and the Public Land Trust; and
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22 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii contribute substantially to
23 the United States military through service, taxation, and the
24 provision of land and infrastructure, yet are generally
25 restricted from accessing these military recreational
26 facilities; and
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28 WHEREAS, opening these facilities to the general public
29 would provide Hawaii residents with much-needed recreational
30 opportunities, particularly given the State's high cost of
31 living and limited availability of affordable recreational
32 options; and



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2 WHEREAS, military installations in other states and
3 jurisdictions have allowed varying degrees of public access to
4 their recreational facilities, demonstrating that such access
5 can be successfully managed while maintaining security
6 protocols; and
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8 WHEREAS, expanded public access to these facilities would
9 foster stronger relationships between the military and local
10 community, promoting goodwill and mutual respect between service
11 members and civilians in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2025, that the United States Department of Defense is urged
16 to make recreational facilities on military installations in
17 Hawaii accessible to all Hawaii residents; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recreational facilities on
20 military installations that the Department of Defense is
21 requested to make accessible include but are not limited to:
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- 23 (1) Hale Koa Hotel, an Armed Forces Recreation Center
24 located in Waikīkī, which offers hotel accommodations,
25 dining facilities, and entertainment facilities;
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27 (2) Bellows Air Force Station, located in Waimānalo, which
28 provides beachfront cabins, camping sites, and various
29 outdoor recreational activities;
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31 (3) Pīlilā'au Army Recreation Center, situated on Pōka'i
32 Bay on the Leeward Coast of O'ahu, which offers
33 beachfront cabins and facilities for water sports and
34 family gatherings;
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36 (4) Barbers Point Recreation Area, located on the western
37 coast of O'ahu, which offers rental cottages and beach
38 access;
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40 (5) Kīlauea Military Camp Recreation Area, located within
41 Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on Hawai'i Island,
42 which provides lodging and recreational facilities;



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2 (6) Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, located on Kāne'ohe Bay,
3 which offers various recreational facilities,
4 including beaches, camping sites, and a golf course;
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6 (7) Hickam Harbor Recreation Area, located at Joint Base
7 Pearl Harbor-Hickam, which offers sailing, surfing,
8 snorkeling, paddleboarding, and kayaking;
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10 (8) Schofield Barracks, located in central O'ahu, which
11 provides various recreational facilities, including
12 swimming pools, fitness centers, and a golf course;
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14 (9) Fort DeRussy, which is home to the United States Army
15 Museum of Hawai'i and offers recreational spaces in
16 Waikīkī; and
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18 (10) Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, located
19 on Kaua'i, which offers beach cottages and recreational
20 facilities; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of
23 Defense is requested to develop guidelines to facilitate safe
24 and secure public access to these facilities, taking into
25 account successful models implemented in other jurisdictions;
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, Commander
30 of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, Secretary of the
31 Army, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Air Force, each
32 member of Hawaii's congressional delegation, Governor, Mayors of
33 the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, and Mayor of the City
34 and County of Honolulu.
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