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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COMMANDER OF JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO USE THE RESTRICTED VACANT LAND ON THE PEARL CITY PENINSULA FOR YOUTH BALL PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, every year, youth ball teams comprising both
2 public and military family volunteer coaches and young children
3 who want to play soccer, baseball, and flag football line up at
4 the office of the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City
5 and County of Honolulu to apply for an annual permit to use city
6 park ball fields for team practices and events; and
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8 WHEREAS, the city does not have a sufficient number of ball
9 fields to accommodate the demand; and
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11 WHEREAS, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on the Pearl City
12 Peninsula has about twelve acres of land that has been vacant
13 and restricted from use for the past three decades due to a Fuel
14 Depot Tank Farm Fire on Tank No. 1 that occurred in October of
15 1985; and
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17 WHEREAS, the United States Navy Federal Fire Department
18 used per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) fire retardant to
19 put out the fire and the United States Navy later made the
20 decision to close down the tank farm, clearing the land and
21 leaving it vacant since 1985; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 has
24 attended previous Pearl Harbor Restoration and Advisory Board
25 meetings and asked if this land could be used for youth ball
26 fields; and
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28 WHEREAS, it is the Legislature's understanding that the use
29 of PFAS fire retardant was isolated to the area where Tank No. 1
30 was located and that the much larger area was not contaminated
31 with PFAS; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that this larger area of
34 non-contaminated vacant land could be used to build a minimum of



1 three ball fields and land that was contaminated with PFAS could
2 be used to build a parking lot; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
6 that the Commander of Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam is
7 requested to allow the Department of Parks and Recreation of the
8 City and County of Honolulu to temporarily use the restricted
9 vacant land on the Pearl City Peninsula for youth ball programs
10 such as soccer, baseball, and flag football; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of Joint Base
14 Pearl-Harbor Hickam and Mayor of the City and County of
15 Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:

