
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PUNA
RECREATIONAL COMPLEX IN PAHOA, HAWAII.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. A Puna recreational complex facility is
2 estimated to cost about \$8,000,000. The Puna district is the
3 fastest-growing district within the county of Hawaii, yet the
4 level of service relative to public recreational facilities has
5 not been able to keep pace with the increasing demand. Ever-
6 increasing home and land values in the state and this county
7 have transformed the Puna district into one of the last and most
8 attractive affordable real estate markets in the islands. The
9 majority of the residential land in the district was zoned and
10 subdivided for residential development many years ago, making
11 the levying of fair share assessments impossible and the issue
12 of concurrent public facility development the sole burden of
13 government.

14 The Puna recreational complex would include a full gym with
15 amenities and an attached community center, a soccer and a
16 football field, baseball fields, a comfort station, pavilions,
17 and ample parking for concurrent uses. The complex will be



1 located adjacent to the county's new Pahoia police and fire
2 stations currently under design.

3 The Puna recreational complex will be a tremendous asset to
4 the Puna district. Its proximity to the new public safety
5 facilities would encourage safe, healthy, public recreational
6 usage and deter miscreant behavior that often occurs at or is
7 directed against public-park facilities. The location of the
8 new site, with ingress and egress directly onto the Keaau-Pahoia
9 highway, makes access to the site safe, quick, and convenient
10 for all of the district's residents. The total cost of the
11 facility, including planning, design, and construction, is
12 estimated at \$8,000,000.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$8,000,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for a
16 grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for the planning, design,
17 and construction of a Puna recreational complex in Pahoia,
18 Hawaii, which shall provide, but is not limited to, facilities
19 that will allow for a variety of public athletic and
20 recreational activities.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
22 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Puna recreational complex; appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to design and construct a public recreational complex in Puna, Hawaii.

