

JAN 22 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PUNA
RECREATIONAL COMPLEX IN PĀHOA, HAWAII`I.

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

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

12 The proposed Pahoia recreational complex is estimated to
13 cost approximately \$8,000,000. The complex would include a full
14 gym with amenities and an attached community center, a field
15 that could be used for both football and soccer, baseball
16 fields, comfort stations, pavilions, and ample parking for
17 concurrent uses. The complex will be located adjacent to the



1 county's new Pahoia police and fire stations currently under
2 design and is envisioned to be a tremendous asset to the Puna
3 district as a new multi-purpose district park. Its proximity to
4 the new public safety facilities is a tremendous advantage for
5 safe, healthy public recreational usage and as a deterrent to
6 illicit or criminal behavior that often occurs at or levied
7 against public park facilities. The location of the new site,
8 with ingress and egress directly on to the Keaau-Pahoia highway,
9 makes accessing the site safe, quick, and convenient for all of
10 the district's population, as opposed to being located within
11 Pahoia town or in a more residential area.

12 The total cost of the facility, including planning, design,
13 and construction, is estimated at \$8,000,000.

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

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
22 Hawai'i for the purpose of this Act.

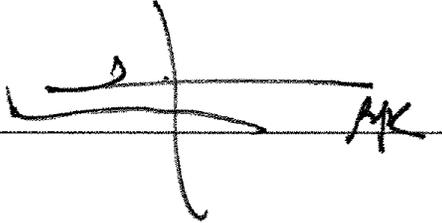


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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Recreation; Puna Recreational Complex; County of Hawaii

Description:

Appropriates funds to the county of Hawaii for the plans, design, and construction of the Puna recreational complex.

