SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3665 THAT SET ASIDE LANDS FOR A GOLF COURSE AND TO RE-DEDICATE THOSE LANDS FOR A REGIONAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the Governor has the authority under section 171-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to set aside public lands to any department or agency, subject to legislative disapproval; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 3665 of the Governor set aside lands for the Kealakehe Waste Water Reclamation Field and North Kona Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 3665 should be amended to dedicate the 193.547 acres of public lands to provide a regional park for the residents of West Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Kona community stakeholders and members throughout West Hawaii participated in a three-day session to assist in the planning of the "Kailua-Old Airport State Park" Development, also known as Makaeo Park; and

WHEREAS, session participants unanimously voted and agreed that the "Kailua-Old Airport State Park" Development needs to sufficiently accommodate all spectator sports activities and uninterrupted green space; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development of the Urban Expansion District of Kealakehe and Keahuolu composed of 5,000 single and multi-family units requires that there be a regional park; and

WHEREAS, the Kealakehe and Keahuolu population could reach 17,500 to 20,000 residents, without plans for adequate recreational facilities for the families of both ahupuaa; and

WHEREAS, a regional park would serve to remediate both spectator sports and the need to keep our open space, and beach and shoreline activities for beach goers; and

WHEREAS, the 193.547 acres proposed regional park plan offers excellent opportunities for the Kona community to plan and design a world-class facility to serve as a state, national, international, and world sporting events venue, thereby augmenting the regional park's impact on the economy; and

WHEREAS, Kona and West Hawaii residents, as well as residents island wide deserve a regional park facility that promotes team sports, community spirit, community pride, and economic sustainability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that the Governor is requested to amend Executive Order No. 3665 that set aside lands for a golf course, and to re-dedicate those lands for a regional park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Mayor of the County of Hawaii.