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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, THE KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL, KAUAI PLANNING AND ACTION ALLIANCE, WEST SIDE KAUAI COMMUNITIES, AND THE WAIMEA SPORTS COMPLEX STEERING COMMITTEE TO COLLABORATE TO EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WAIMEA SPORTS COMPLEX.

1           WHEREAS, the west side of Kauai consists of Eleele,  
2 Hanapepe, Kaumakani, Makaweli, Waimea, and Kekaha districts; and  
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4           WHEREAS, these districts have experienced a drastic decline  
5 in their population and economy for various reasons including  
6 the closing of the sugar plantations and the lack of development  
7 in the area; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the only major housing development from Hanapepe  
10 to Kekaha is the Kekaha Hawaiian Homes subdivision; and  
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12           WHEREAS, many of the existing homes on the west side of  
13 Kauai have been converted to vacation rentals, subsequently  
14 impacting the number of housing units available to long-term  
15 renters and the drop in enrollment at Waimea High School; and  
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17           WHEREAS, in the summer of 2012, the State of Hawaii senior  
18 softball tournament, hosting fifty softball teams, was held on  
19 Kauai and played on three existing baseball fields and three  
20 makeshift baseball fields in the Hanapepe area; and  
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22           WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Waimea High School Baseball  
23 Tournament was held on three baseball fields in Hanapepe,  
24 Vidinha Stadium, and Kapaa High School; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the creation of a large sports complex in Waimea  
27 would provide accommodations for large events and tournaments,  
28 thus attracting more sporting events to the area and increasing  
29 revenue generation; and



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2 WHEREAS, with the increase in activity provided by a large  
3 sports complex, landowners in the area may determine that the  
4 development of housing projects in the Waimea area would be more  
5 feasible; and

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7 WHEREAS, a Waimea sports complex would be able to hold  
8 sporting events, including football, soccer, softball, track,  
9 and basketball; and

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11 WHEREAS, a Waimea sports complex could provide facilities  
12 to host local, state, national, and international sports events,  
13 exhibitions, and tournaments; and

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15 WHEREAS, one of the best attributes of such a complex in  
16 Waimea is the sunny weather, which will enable sporting events  
17 to take place in a beautiful and sunny location; and

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19 WHEREAS, the construction and renovation of the complex  
20 will be divided into five separate phases (1a, 1b, 2, 3a, and  
21 3b); and

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23 WHEREAS, the proposed Waimea sports complex will include:

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25 (1) A college and high school baseball field;  
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27 (2) A pony league baseball field;  
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29 (3) Four softball fields;  
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31 (4) A regulation track and football field;  
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33 (5) Twelve acres designed for a soccer field;  
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35 (6) A multi-use field;  
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37 (7) Two outdoor covered basketball courts; and  
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39 (8) A nine-mile pedestrian path; and  
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41 WHEREAS, the construction of the proposed Waimea sports  
42 complex is a collaborative effort to be built by the County of  
43 Kauai, with the support of the west side communities and the  
44 Waimea Sport Complex Steering Committee; the completed Waimea



