# SB 760

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AS THE STATE'S SHARE OF JOINT FUNDING WITH THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO WAIMEA DISTRICT/REGIONAL PARK

Makes a grant to Hawaii county as the State's share of joint funding with Hawaii county for improvements to the Waimea district/regional park on the island of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa Samura	County of HI Parks & Rec Waimea	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Waimea is a growing sports community. As of last March, there was a 23% increase in County Parks & Rec sports in the community. That is not counting, AYSO, Waimea Cowboys Football, Little League, Girls Softball, Rugby, B/G Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Adult Co-ed softball, adult frisbee, Kupuna softball, Adult Soccer, tennis teams, tball, coach pitch teams, etc. Waimea does not have enough facilities to support the increase of youth and adult sports programs. Waimea does not have a County gym as well. Additionally we have 3 high schools, 4 middle schools....and about 8 thousand people in this community. Waimea has had 12 age group volleyball teams, 10 boys basketball teams, 9 tb/cp teams, 9 biddy basketball teams; 3 divisions for football and flag football, over 400 participants in the north region ayso league, 3 girls softball teams, and 3 kupuna softball teams. We have 1 designated rugby field which is also used for soccer practice; 1 cherry blossom park used for soccer and rugby practices; 1 main waimea park field (used for kupuna softball, football, ayso, tb/cp practices and games); NO COUNTY GYM; we use Waimea School gym (thelma parker gym) for practices and games; we use new hope gym for practices (parker school and kanu uses this facility for volleyball practices); we have 1 outdoor basketball court, and 1 tennis court. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. WAIMEA KEIKI AND ADULTS NEED MORE PARK AND GYM FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE FOR OUR GROWING SPORTS COMMUNITY. Thank you very much. Melissa Samura, Recreation Director-Waimea. Dept of Parks and Recreation - Hawaii County

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#### January 30, 2013

#### Subject: Waimea District Park PPT. Talking points to accompany power point presentation.

Recreational Facility needs in Waimea Hawaii

- Waimea currently has a small 5 acre park in the middle of town. It has one softball field and two small practice fields.
- I have played, coached and umpired at the park for over 30 years and witnessed firsthand how inadequate the facility is for a community this size. Basically one softball field is shared by all sports teams. Other smaller areas around town have been leveled and used for practice facilities out of necessity.
- Women's softball, men's softball, senior softball, little league from tee ball to seniors, football, soccer, and rugby all share the same field. Changing the field by moving the bases, taking out or putting back a pitcher's mound, adding or removing striping in the outfield is a common event.
- Often times when the ball field is being used by the strong hitting leagues the practice fields could not be used for safety reasons.
- The great Waimea weather allows many of these sports to be played year around but the lack of facilities severely restricts that.
- Vehicular parking in and around this small park is very limited. Patrons end up parking in the residential area and walking across busy streets to get to the park. Unsafe for young and old alike.

History of the Waimea District/Regional Park

- Six years ago at the request of the Waimea Community Association on the Big Island of Hawaii I was asked to get involved in helping to build a District/Regional recreational facility in Waimea.
- We formed a group of local residents and concerned citizens with one goal in mind, to get a District Park, with the capabilities of expanding to a regional park, in Waimea.
- The County Council agreed with us and approved funding of \$1M to start the planning and design of the Park.
- The County of Hawaii issued a contract and requested bids for the Waimea District/Regional Park Master Planning Project. Funds were allocated for this and PBR Hawaii was awarded the contract. The contract stipulated that the Waimea District Park Builders (WDPB) would work with the community, the County Of Hawaii and PBR throughout the life of the contract.
- PBR lead the County and WDPB through the site selection process. The County in consultation with WDPB determined the site location.
- Parker Ranch, a local landowner, donated the first 24+ acres and has agreed to allow us an additional 26 acres to be purchased at a later date for expansion to a regional park.
- PBR and WDPB held several community meetings and organized a two day charette to gather community input on the desires and lay out of the district park.
- PBR has completed about 90% of the first contract and the County of Hawaii is currently looking for additional funding to move into the next phase of design and engineering.

**District Park Usage and Benefits** 

- This park will benefit all ages. We would be able to move all baseball, soccer, rugby and football to the new park leaving the existing park for softball and casual park recreation.
- At full build out we will have two youth baseball fields, two regulation baseball fields, two regulation soccer/rugby fields, a regulation football field, community gathering area, community pavilion, gymnasium, swimming pool, family gathering area and related infrastructure.
- A district/regional park will give our youth the facility they need where they can spend their time participating in sports, getting daily exercise and honing their athletic skills. The result

would be a healthier life style and a lower juvenile delinquency rate. Childhood obesity is on the rise and we all need to do our part to combat that.

- Health and wellness of keiki to kupuna. We as a state and nation face a huge obesity/diabetes/heart disease crisis, this facility is about supporting wellness and reducing medical costs.
- Activities for our youth support drug prevention, teach life skills, and build character.
- A large number of our children are "latch key" kids, home alone in the afternoon, with the right facility we can promote activities that can best utilize these high risk hours.
- We would be able to hold island and state wide athletic events and tournaments that we have no way of accommodating now.
- We would welcome the use by local schools both public and private.
- The park site is situated in close proximity to the town center. Access would be by bicycle and pedestrian traffic as well as vehicular traffic.

In summary: The Community, the WDPB, and the County of Hawaii have come a long way in getting this project to the point it is at now. We cannot go much further without larger scale funding. Our community is continuing to grow and the recreational facilities have not kept up with the growth we out grew our existing park 20+ years ago. We need to continue this project to meet the ever expanding recreational needs of our community. This district/regional park will meet that need and make our community a much more desirable, healthier, and safer place to live and raise our families.

### **Mel Macy**

Community Volunteer Waimea, Island of Hawai`i

### ALOHA !

#### Senate Committee on Water and Land Senator Malama Solomon, Chairperson

### PLEASE <u>SUPPORT SB 760</u> TO HELP ACHIEVE THE COMMUNITY'S VISION FOR THE WAIMEA DISTRICT / REGIONAL PARK

## IN SUPPORT OF THE WAIMEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ,

#### **OUR MISSION / GOAL:**

TO HELP THE COUNTY BUILD A DISTRICT PARK IN WAIMEA WITH THE CAPABILITY TO EXPAND TO A REGIONIAL PARK.

### **PROVEN NEED FOR THE PARK**

- Inadequate recreation facilities in Waimea
- Growing demand for active play fields
- Need for a Gymnasium or Covered / Weather Protected Courts

### **SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE**

• Park Master Plan Completed (with Broad Community Input and Support)



2-day Park Design Community Workshop at Waimea Elementary School









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### **SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE**

Land to be provided by Parker Ranch (satisfying condition of zoning for Waimea Town Center





### **SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE**

- Environmental Assessment Nearing Completion
- Subdivision of 24 acres parcel for Phase 1 in progress
- Parker Ranch to transfer land to the County upon subdivision
- Parker Ranch reserving 26 acres for future expansion to achieve 50 acres Regional Park

#### Waimea District Park – Regional Context Map



#### Waimea District Park – Master Plan



### WAIMEA DISTRICT PARK BUILDER (WDPB) Waimea District Park Phase 1- Development Increments



Waimea District Park Phase 1a

Waimea District Park Phase 1b



Waimea District Park Phase 1c

Waimea District Park Phase 1d

#### **Phase 1a Master Plan**



### Phase 1a Improvements and Estimated Costs (Part A – Off-site Infrastructure and Mass Grading)

**Off-site Infrastructure Improvement and Mass Grading:** 

- Drainage Master Plan,
- +/- 50 Acres Park Site Mass Grading (Drainage Related),
- Off-site Infrastructure Improvements: Water Pipeline, Gravity Sewer Main, and Power Facility

#### Estimate Budget

- Estimated Construction Budget: \$5.195 Million
- Estimated Design and Engineering Budget: <u>\$0.78 Million</u>

Total: \$5.975 Million

### Phase 1a Improvements and Estimated Costs (Part B – On-site Improvements)

**On-site improvements:** 

- Infrastructure Water, Sewer, Drainage and Power,
- Park Access Road,
- Parking Area,
- Drainage Dike Treatment,
- One Regulation Football Field,
- One Regulation Soccer/Rugby Field, and
- One Comfort station

#### Estimate Budget

- Estimated Contraction Budget: \$6.252 Million
- Estimated Design and Engineering Budget: <u>\$0.94 Million</u>

Total: \$7.192 Million

#### **Phase 1a Estimated Costs**

	Estimated Construction Cost	Estimated Design and Engineering Fee	Total
Off-site Infrastructure and Mass Grading:	\$5.195M	\$0.78M	\$5.975M
On-site Improvements:	\$6.252M	\$0.94M	\$7.192M
Total :	\$11.447M	\$1.72M	\$13.167M

### **COMMUNTIY BENEFITS**

- Serve all ages
- Meet growing recreational need of the Community (Refer to compelling testimony provided by Melissa Samura, Recreation Director – Waimea, Department of Parks and Recreation)
- Move competing field use (baseball, soccer, rugby and football to the District Park. Retain existing park for softball and casual park recreation.
- Provide a gathering area for our youth. Achieve a healthier lifestyle and lower juvenile delinquency rate.
- Host island and state wide athletic events.

## MAHALO ! FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**Waimea District Park Builders** 

**Mel Macy** 

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Lisa Fujioka	Waimea District Park Builders	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of having this park built for our community. As a former board member of our local little league, it was very sad to see our community kids have to compete for park space among a multitude of sports, ages, community groups and schools. Please fund this project. Thank you.

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Page Macy	Waimea District Park Builders	Support	No

Comments: For more than 20 years, our community has been promised a park to help all the sports organizations and non-profits to congregate. For over a decade, we have had to drive over an hour to HOST our sporting and community events in another town because our current small park cannot accomodate all the groups. Mahalo for your kokua!

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Gold Coast Little League Softball	Gold Coast Little League Softball	Support	No

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Len Winkler	Waimea Table Tennis Club	Support	No

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Rhonda Bell	The Christopher Nance Children's Foundation	Support	No

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Alvin Wakayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My family and I have been members of the Waimea community for 3 generations now. It is about time that we get funding for a public facility so badly needed in this town. Mahalo to Senator Solmon for leading this effort.

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Anne Head	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We are Waimea residents with two active children and we're very involved in our community. Our children play several sports and use the few fields frequently, as much as we can while sharing with other groups, clubs, teams, etc. There is never enough field space for soccer, baseball, and family activities. So many times we have to drive a distance simply to use a field or gym. Our Waimea District Park can not be more needed and more desired. We are anxious to have more space for our keiki and our community and families. Please pass the bill and match funds. Mahalo nui loa, Anne Head

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Anne Marie Moynahan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a parent of two children that are very active in sports, I support this new park and hope that the legislature will consider the residents of Waimea/Kamuela!

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Anthony Kaai	Individual	Support	No

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Anthony	Individual	Support	No

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Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a resident of Waimea on the Big Island, we really need a District Park, not only for expanded facilities for all ages, but also a nice meeting place for family and friends. I urge you and all the senators to support SB760. Mahalo, Avi Okin

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Barbara Heimana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am thankful for the support of Parker Ranch donating this property to create a community entity that will be benefited by all the residents of Waimea and Kamuela and any visitors. I think it is well past due that a facility of such is going to be in the community. I believe it is neccessary as we see obesity and lack of excercise on the rise in the islands. I truly believe that a park such as this will help promote healthy lifestyles for all those who participate in the use of the facility. Please help expedite the process on the behalf of the community. Respectfully submitted. Barbara Heimana

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Barnaby Vergara	Individual	Support	No

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Barrie T. Rose	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support matching funds to build the 1st phase of the Waimea District Park!

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В	ill Davis	Individual	Support	No

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Bob Bonar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Waimea has long suffered from insufficient facilities for our recreational needs in this growing community. We do not have a county gym, instead using a deteriorating Waimea School facility. We have the designated rugby field which is also used for soccer practice; the cherry blossom park used for soccer and rugby practices; the Waimea Park field (used for kupuna softball, football, AYSO practices and games and a host of community gatherings); and we have and outdoor basketball court, and tennis court, the use of which is limited by our often misty weather. Such facilities are inadequate for this growing community of 8,000+ people with AYSO, Waimea Cowboys Football, Little League, Girls Softball, Rugby, boys and girls Basketball, Baseball, boys and girls Volleyball, Adult Co-ed softball, adult frisbee, Kupuna softball, Adult Soccer, tennis teams, tball, coach pitch teams, judo, karate, aikido, etc., all competing for those facilities. Lacking sufficient facilities especially impacts the children and youth in our community, limiting these pro-health, pro-social activities during non-curricular times. Please pass this bill. The children and adults need additional park and gym facilities. Thank you, Bob Bonar bbonar@hawaii.rr.com

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Carol Porter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Waimea's substantial and diverse community would benefit greatly from improvements to the Waimea district/regional park. The people who comprise our taxholder base have recreational needs that are not served well at this time. The addition of infrastructure to our district/regional park will satisfy a variety of needs of our citizens young and old. Mahalo.

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CAROLE ARNOTT	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need more green space and parks in Waimea, 96743 to participate in healthy, positive activities.

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Casey Francis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Every community on this island has better recreational facilities than Waimea. Our children deserve better.

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Ceri Whitfield	Individual	Support	No

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CHARLES PAINTER	Individual	Support	No

Comments: At Koko Isle, we installed a small test section of Aquapave in our guest parking. 1. It's beautiful. 2. It absorbs rainwater, so it's always relatively dry and safe to walk on. 3. It gets heavy traffic, but we see no signs of wear over the three year period since it was installed. 4. Why would anyone with any concern for the environment install a hydrocarbon-based paving when they could have this.

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Charlotte Head	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Waimea District Park. I am ten years old and I think that we need a park because our soccer team, Sonic Boom, barely got a field to practice on for AYSO Select. A lot of people in our community use the one park we have. Please pass this bill!

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Chris Buckalew	Individual	Support	No

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christopher j roehrig	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Born in Manoa valley and have lived in Waimea for over 30 years. We have seen Waimea quadruple in size. The demand for park space is overwhelming.

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Cobey Doi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support a plan to improve our local park. Many children and folk enjoy the park, which is used to promote healthy activities for recreation, as well as community events that bring in people to our little town. Mahalo for your support!

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Colin Miura	Individual	Support	No

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Crystal Sebastian	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please allow this bill to be passed. There is such a shortage of parks and recreation space in Waimea. We have two sons, and one of our AYSO soccer practices is held in our backyard because for U6 the team cannot practice on a field, because no field time available. Additionally, both Kona and Hilo teams frequently meet up and have all the games in Waimea because it is a mid-way area. We have an amazing community of active families and children involved in sports- we need the space to continue to support them. Thank you.

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Dana Petteys	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We want and need this park in our community. It will support play, community togetherness, and the overall health of North Hawai'i. Mahalo.

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David Stimac	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i have two kids and one more on the way and hope that this bill makes it through for the sake of all the children of Waimea.

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David Tarnas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The development of Waimea District Park is very important for our community. For many years, Waimea's population has grown significantly, and the number of youth and adult sports programs have also grown. Unfortunately, our community has very few public facilities, nowhere near enough to accommodate this increasing demand for sports venues. We have one public park with a ball field, a tennis court, and a basketball court. We have no County gymnasium facility. To address this community need, we have included a District Park in our Community Development Plan, which has received the support of Hawaii County. Please support this bill to provide the State's portion of the overall CIP budget for the Waimea District Park. Mahalo!

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Dayna Kuma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Waimea P&R needs funding to support safe & healthy activity for our keiki.

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Dayna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need and want this park in our community!!!

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Dean Macy	Individual	Support	No

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Deborah A. Au	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our community needs this park. Please help us to make this a reality for Waimea. Mahalo for your support!

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Deighton Bell	Individual	Support	No

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Delores Buckalew	Individual	Support	No

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Derek Paulson	Individual	Support	No

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Devynne Pahio	Individual	Support	No

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Diane Paulson	Individual	Support	No

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dorothy hafner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Waimea really needs more county sports facilities. Although we are the third largest town on the Big Island, we don't even have a county gym. Because of our central location, improved facilities in Waimea would have an even greater impact, as they would also be readily accessible to residents of Waikoloa and Honokaa. For the good of our keiki, the health of our kapuna, and the strength of our community, please support SB760. Mahalo,

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Douglas Teeple	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the park and believe it will be a valuable addition to our community.

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Dr. Brady Bergin	Individual	Support	No

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Edgar Spencer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been a Waimea resident for 60 years. I've watched the town population explode over the years. Waimea is in dire need of more parks.

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Emily Pagliaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am fully in support of this bill to create a Waimea District Park. Our kids don't have the facilities they need to practice and compete in the sports they enthusiastically participate in. The district park will show our kids that we value their talent, their teamwork and their well being. Please pass this bill. Thank you. Emily Pagliaro

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Erika Stuart	Individual	Support	No

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# Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land January 31, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. by Farrah-Marie Gomes Kamuela Resident

SB760 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AS THE STATE'S SHARE OF JOINT FUNDING WITH THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO WAIMEA DISTRICT/REGIONAL PARK.

Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Farrah-Marie Gomes and I am a lifelong resident of Hawai'i Island. In 2003, I moved from my home town of Pa'auilo to a home we purchased in Kamuela (Waimea) where I now reside with my family. I support SB760 which would make a grant to Hawai'i county as the State's share of joint funding with Hawai'i County for improvements to the Waimea district/regional park on the island of Hawai'i.

Since he was four, my son has played AYSO soccer and now at age seven, he is also playing Parks & Recreation t-ball. These activities happen in the Waimea district and often at the same time that other field sports are also in season. This puts the use of the park in high demand. The limited features of the existing infrastructure currently minimize the full impact that could be made.

Additionally, the increased population in the Waimea district has contributed to an increase in the number of students who want to participate in extra-curricular activities. I feel strongly that we should support healthy and positive activities that serve as protective factors in helping to keep youth away from risky behaviors like violence, alcohol, and drugs.

An appropriation to support improvements to the Waimea district/regional park is a winwin for everyone. Youth and adults alike will be able to benefit from use of the improved facilities. Healthier individuals contribute to a healthier community. Improvements at the Waimea district/regional park could serve as a catalyst for these desired results.

To this end, I support this bill and thank you for providing this opportunity to testify on SB760.

Mahalo.

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Gail Judd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This park will benefit the well-being of the entire community of Waimea.

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Haroldeen Gillette	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heidi Buscher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Waimea is a growing community with a serious lack of public parks. Looking around the island at other communities it is evident to me that Waimea is the most under privileged communities in terms of park and sports facilities. If you're not involved with youth sports in any way, then you might not know that Waimea kids practice soccer on an uneven dirt packed field. Many of our athletes travel to Kona or Hilo or Hawi or Honokaa to practice with teams (soccer, baseball, volleyball, gymnastics etc) due to a significant lack of facilities in our community. Due to a lack of fields, kids are forced to practice on beat up fields like the one behind Waimea Elementary which is laden with potholes that are a trip hazard for young players. I have witnessed several injuries (sprained ankles, hyper extended knees) that are directly caused by our lack of quality field space. The only athletic park in Waimea is so overused that it becomes a hard-packed, grassless surface which can cause growth related injuries, stress fractures, and other problems for developing youngsters. I am particularly saddened that we are unable to foster these athletes who are capable of perhaps receiving college scholarships if they are able to reach their highest potential. Please please please do whatever os in your power to bring this new Park and Sports facility to our wonderful community. Please consider a pool, a gym and fields.

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Heidi Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Subn	nitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ir	is Yap	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill! My daughters participate in soccer and we have seen firsthand the need for more park space. We have done soccer practices on a field that we have had to share with another soccer team, a baseball team AND a football team. Big hulking boys running into our girls, baseballs flying around our heads. You get the picture. During the select season of soccer we are also relegated to using an uneven dirt-and-weed field at the Waimea Inter. School since all other grassy areas are being used by baseball, rugby, and other sports. For the health and safety of our children, please support SB760.

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James Lyke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the construction of a Waimea district park. It will make Waimea an even better place to raise a family. Thank you.

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Janice Laraine Colyer Savage	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the new park in Waimea. It will be a wonderful addition to our outstanding community of Waimea.

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Jennifer Richardson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Waimea is in desperate need of additional space for kids to participate safely in sports!!

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jerald bleckel	Individual	Support	No

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Jo Barboza	Individual	Support	No

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Joan Parri	is Individual		No

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Joanne Coon	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Buck	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Waimea, Hawaii County, has no County Gym. Parking at the old, small Waimea school gym is severely limited and often interferes with school and library access. Indoor sports need better facilities in Waimea. Weather in Waimea is unpredictable and at 3000 ft. elevation often rainy and cold. Some popular sports such as table tennis are not possible outdoors in Waimea wind and rain.

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Jonathan Vedelli	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. I am the parent of two young children who are active in youth sports in Waimea. I have coached AYSO soccer, HYSA soccer, and flag football over the course of the last six years in Waimea. As a coach, I see first hand the conditions under which our kids practice and play. They practice soccer on an uneven field dotted with cherry blossom trees right next to Mamalahoa Highway. Beautiful scenery? Yes. Safe and appropriate for youth sports? No. They practice on beat up fields which are lush and green for a month in the off season, but then become dusty, hard fields of packed top soil due to overuse by multiple sports. These firm playing surfaces become the source of injuries for young players whose bodies are still developing. Please pass this bill. The active community of Waimea needs this facility in order to grow and develop.

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joyce oconnor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the passage of SB760. Parks are an important part of a community that benefits all residents regardless of circumstances. It adds to the quality of life for a community and a sense of community. Please pass this bill. It is the right thing in the right place for all North & South Kohala

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Juanita Montgomer	y Individual	Support	No

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Juslyn Ikeda	Individual	Support	No

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Kalae Kawamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We definetly need another park in our area for our children to play. We have way to many people here in our area and not enough parks and places for our kids to go instead of hanging on the streets doing god knows what. We have waited long enough. Please help us get this park! Thank you!

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Kalan	i Kaleleiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Waimea (Kamuela) is a growing community on the Big Island and is running out of room for sports activity and after school activities for our youth, who are our future. There is only one park for all these activities to take place. Another park would be well used and safer for our youth sports.

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Karen Clarkson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There is a real need for a district park in Waimea to serve a diverse population with no park that serves people of all agents.

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Karen E. Bail	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There are so few recreational facilities for children in the Kohala districts. We REALLY need this especially today when gas is so expensive. Right now, we have to drive so far, sometimes we cannot afford to take the kids to activities.

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Katherine Cross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Waimea really needs more county sports facilities. Although we are the third largest town on the Big Island, we don't even have a county gym. Because of our central location, improved facilities in Waimea would have an even greater impact, as they would also be readily accessible to residents of Waikoloa and Honokaa. For the good of our keiki, the health of our kapuna, and the strength of our community, please support SB760.

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Katherine Purdy	Individual	Support	No

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KATHLEEN BROOKS	Individual	Support	No

Comments: WE NEED THIS PARK FOR OUR CHILDREN IN WAIMEA. MAHLO NUI LOA FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. KATHLEEN

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Kathryn Freitas	Individual	Support	No

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Kathryn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this legislation. Waimea lacks this kind of park facility. We have grown so much and now really need it. Thanks!

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Kathy A Bro	own Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, please pass this bill! Our community needs it!

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Individual	Support	No
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kaulana bertelmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a mother, aunty, and community coach, I with all my heart think we need this park. My children, neices/nephews, and friends children need a place to participate in outdoor activities. We have so little park space as is and it would be great to accomidate the growing population that Waimea has. My family is constanly at the park not only for sports but for family gathering on the weekends too. We have family flagfootball games, kickball games, picnics, we need this type of things to keep our family united. Children need healthy activities and a place to participate in them. Mahalo!

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Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Waimea really needs more county sports facilities. Although we are the third largest town on the Big Island, we don't even have a county gym. Because of our central location, improved facilities in Waimea would have an even greater impact, as they would also be readily accessible to residents of Waikoloa and Honokaa. For the good of our keiki, the health of our kapuna, and the strength of our community, please support SB760. Mahalo, Kelly Hoyle

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Kev	/in Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a coach for the Waimea Boars Rugby club of Hawaii Youth Rugby 501c-3. There are over 300 youth (ages 7-18) practicing and playing rugby in Waimea from January to May each year and we desparately need more field space and facilities in our town; plaes pass this Bill. Kevin Perry WRC Coach 808-960-4527

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Kiaka Gaughen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this Bill. Waimea is past due for a district park. Many smaller towns have better athletic facilities than Waimea. Please past this bill and support the the funding. Thank you! Kiaka Gaughen Resident of Waimea

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Kim Arellano	Individual	Support	No

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Kimberly Macy	Individual	Support	No

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Kinnaly Kayachinth	Individual	Support	No

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Kurt Klimt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Please support the bill for the funding of Waimea District/Regional Park.

The town of Waimea is growing by leaps and bounds resulting in the need for additional park and gym facilities. The parks and gyms that are currently available do not offer the space that is needed by the ever growing number of sports teams in need of practice and playing facilities.

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. MORE PARK SPACE IS NEEDED FOR OUR GROWING COMMUNITY NEEDS.

Thank you,

Laurie Edmondson

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Leighton Bell	Individual	Support	No

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Len Winkler	Individual	Support	No

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Leonard & Mary Gion	Individual	Support	No

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Lila Ann Gaston	Individual	Support	No

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LILA	Individual	Support	No

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Linda West	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of the Waimea Regional Park. Waimea needs this park in order for the entire community to continue its' excellent involvement in raising our children. As we all know, Sports has saved many children from going down a path that they would otherwise have taken. This Park will help facilitate involving more of the youth of our community in activities that are beneficial to their growth.

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Lisa Winborne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Waimea needs this facility so much. I have lived here 6+ yrs and go all around the island seeing parks and recreational facilities much more extensive than Waimea has now. And with all the recent news about childhood obesity, there should be no hesitation that this should be a top priority. Let's move ahead NOW. Mahalo, Lisa Winborne

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Liz Chock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill to provide a much-needed district park for Waimea! Mahalo!

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	Lois Inman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This funding is critical. The park will have a tremendous positive impact on our community.

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Lori Kindervater	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB760. Waimea is an active community, and we definitely need more park/sports facilities. Mahalo, Lori Kindervater, Waimea

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Lori	na Muromoto	Individual		No

Comments: Like many other community bills, this is important for all. In addition, the ball park would help provide for more opportunities to our keiki. Our current limited space limits teams from getting optimal practice time. Increasing practice time can only increase learning time whether about the game strategies, teaming to safety. Having an area to host games and tournaments provides the island with an additional site between Hilo and Kona. This area would be prime to not have teams having to travel 2+ hours to get from one island site to another. I appreciate your consideration.

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Maile Lewi	Individual	Support	No

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Maile	Individual	Support	No

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Mara Paio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support funding the Waimea District/Regional Park. I was born on Oahu, but have been a resident of Waimea for the last 18 years. Our family has many children who have grown up playing on Waimea sports teams. It's a challenge to serve all of the Waimea keiki when we have such limited "playing" space. The money for the Waimea District/Regional Park will be put to great use for many generations to come.

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Mardi Carbone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the Waimea Sports Complex SB760. Our growing community despartely needs more area for sports, for our keiki to exercise and all our ohana to continue to play and exercise for the health of our community also. We also could use a large solar heated pool. Not everyone likes to swim in our ocean. We pass this bill.

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Margaret Horwatt	Youth Horizons Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: We look forward to this park. Please help us.

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Margaret Wille	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: From Margaret Wille, Waimea resident; councilperson for County of Hawaii District 9, I strongly support this legislation providing funding for the Waimea District Park. This park was promised in 1992. It has yet to happen. There are many social ills in this area of the state. There is no high school. The few parks are very overburdened. Drug and alcohol use is on the rise. The social services that are available are for the most part located in Hilo or Kona, not in North Hawaii. We need this park to become a reality soon, not later. Please approve this funding for the Waimea Regional/District Park. Sincerely, Margaret Wille resident of Waimea and District 9 County Councilperson

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Maria Diaz-Lyke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Waimea really needs more county sports facilities. This will be a great investment for a good future of our keikis, please support SB760. Mahalo nui loa, Maria Diaz-Lyke

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Mark A Noetzel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please do as much as you can to support the efforts to provide both land and resources so that our youth and adults in the Waimea community can have health outlets for exercise. The quality of living in our area depends upon the ability of people in Waimea to get outdoors in safe environments. It is essential for our area and I strongly urge you to consider this. The improvements to health will have long standing ripple effects in both the education of our children (exercise promotes higher brain functioning) and in reducing medical costs for our adults. Sincerely, Mark Noetzel

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Martin Majeski	Individual	Support	No

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Mel Hurney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We like many other parents in Waimea, are tax-paying citizens with two full-time jobs, who are trying to raise our children to be responsible and active adults. We live in Waimea, yet we have to drive to Honoka'a twice a week for baseball practice, and then to Hilo for baseball games, simply because we have not enough baseball fields available in Waimea to accommodate. Also, there is really no place in Waimea where kids can go after school, while they wait for parents to pick them up after work. There are so many initiatives in the State and County level to keep the kids away from drugs and alcohol, and to fight obesity - yet there is no "safe" place for our kids to go to in Waimea, or to stay active and out of trouble. Instead, they have to rely on teachers to open their doors after school to keep them safe, or they are left to fend for themselves at the Food Court or Library until their parents return home from work. Waimea Town is located between Hilo and Kona, and a great central place to bring our communities together, and invest in our parks and children.

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Melora Purell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the funding for the new regional park. My family is involved in sports in Waimea, and it has been a challenge over the years to find enough space for teams to practice. They even practice on the lawn by the cherry trees along the highway because the existing park space is so limited. Our local community has put many many hours in to help with the planning of the park, and Parker Ranch has been supportive by providing the land for the park, too. We are all pitching in to see a healthier community for Kohala, and your support for this is critical to see this to fruition. Mahalo!

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Michael Landers	Individual	Support	No

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Michael Parris	Individual	Support	No

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Michael Stevenson	Individual	Support	No

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Neighton Bell	Individual	Support	No

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Pamela Decker	Individual	Support	No

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Pat Allbee	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia Kassis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our increasingly athletic population (of children and adults) requires additional fields and facilities. A pool and gym are necessary and apparently worth funding for other island communities, but at the very least, the fields are needed. Consider how run down practice fields become during soccer season. Poor quality school fields are used (dangerous). My 5-year old's soccer team was told by AYSO that there simply was no field available for weekly practice - if the coach knew someone with a big yard they should inquire. Indeed, a neighbor was agreeable to it and so the team could practice. But wasn't that neighbor taking a risk? What if something was dangerous about the space (which wasn't designed or modified for the sport) and the child got injured? Quality fields like the ones we play on when we visit Honokaa and Kohala are needed here, too. I'm proud that my tax dollars have helped to make those facilities possible, and I'm sure residents here and in other communities feel likewise towards Waimea.

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peter whiteis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge the legislature to consider funding for a Waimea park. Much has been done already on from the local citizens through a well organized volunteer effort. Please help us build the momentum and assist us in creating park for the benefit of all. Mahalo, Pete

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phillip conley	Individual	Support	No

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Phyllis Tarail	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I live in the Luala'i development vey close to this proposed Waimea park. We have a lot of keiki and adults who would benefit from and use this park on a daily basis. I strongly encourage you to pass this bill which would bring much needed funding for the park. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Rachelle Phillips	Individual	Support	No

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Rascha Jelks	Individual	Support	No

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Rhond	a Bell	Individual	Support	No

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Richard Matsuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairperson Solomon, Vice-Chairperson Shimabukuro and members of the Committee on Water and Land: As a resident of the Waimea community on Hawai'i Island I would like to lend my support to SB 760 for funding improvements to the Waimea district/regional park on the island of Hawaii. In rural Hawai'i Island, having improved space for youth recreational activities is important in order to provide healthy and productive alternatives for our youth. As the population has grown in Waimea and on the island, the need continues to increase. As a sometimes-coach for youth sports for the last 10+ years it is gratifying to see the lasting positive impact that organized sports has on our youth. The park will provide additional space and opportunity for such activities. In addition, having a space for casual recreational activities would be a valuable resource for individuals of all ages and families and would improve the quality of life for North Hawaii residents. I add my support to the already-strong community support for this bill. Thank you, Rich Matsuda

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Richard West	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This has been a long awaited project that is needed for our community. The Regional Park will help many of our citizens, especially our children. The growth in our area over the last few years requires the recreational facilities it will bring. Please Kokua. Mahalo.

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Robin Ledson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in total suport of this project due to the fact that it will allow our youths access to a controled area where they will be able to engage in sports activities. The existing park is extremely small and too busy. With all of the sporting activities that take place in the existing park there just doesn't seem to be enough availibility to accomedate everyones needs. With our youth obesity issues they need a place where they can exercise and engage in team activities. Please look favorable on the funding of this project for the benefit and future of our kids.

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Robyn Hafner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Waimea really needs more county sports facilities. Although we are the third largest town on the Big Island, we don't even have a county gym. Because of our central location, improved facilities in Waimea would have an even greater impact, as they would also be readily accessible to residents of Waikoloa and Honokaa. For the good of our keiki, the health of our kapuna, and the strength of our community, please support SB760. Mahalo, Robyn Hafner Waimea

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Rosly	/nne Takushi	Individual	Support	No

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sandra ednie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Resident of Waimea, Hawaii since 1968. Waimea has Needed Parks always. State created subdivisions for homes, but demanded no public/park area for open ground for children's play. I have personally helped level the land, cut the grass, watered the grass, cut the 2'tall grass, etc. year after year for various sport activities and needs. Polo and soccer were the sports most using and least helped by the State. How WONDERful if we could recognize and be assured this would be parkland hereafter, with some assistance for maintenance.

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Scot K. Plunkett	Individual	Support	No

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Scott Johnson	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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Ś	Shantelle Akau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Waimea is in desperate need of a new park. The kids here are deprived of getting in practice times due to only having one gym. We have a baseball field that needs to be shared with football and soccer. Keeping your kids active in sports is great for their health as well as keeps them out of trouble.

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Shelby Floyd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This park will provide additional recreational opportunities for the entire community--something we need badly.

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Stephen L. Hooper M.D. RS	Individual	Support	No

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Stephen Worley	Individual	Support	No

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Steve Jefferson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support!

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Susan Macy	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Maddox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Community members have worked diligently for more than 5 years to make the Waimea Regional Park a reality. The all volunteer effort has continued to move the process forward with little funding and lots of aloha. Providing matching funds will allow the completed vision and conceptual plan to move to the first phase of construction for greatly needed facilities in the greater Kamuela area.

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Suzette Cantyne	Individual	Support	No

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Tanya Everts	Individual	Support	No

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Tasman B	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am 9 I support SB760 We need a gym. My basketball team couldn't practice enough because the school gym was always busy. We also need a pool. I am on the swim club too and we have to meet at 5:45 to 6:30 at night because every other time is full. There are lots of kids in my town and we need a sports facility.

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Theresa Sasarita del Sol	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Waimea and North Kohala districts are in great need of parks for youth activities. Our youth is our future. I strongly support this measure.

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VIvienne Aronowitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Waimea is a growing sports community. As of last March, there was a 23% increase in County Parks & Rec sports in the community. That is not counting AYSO, Waimea Cowboys Football, Little League, Girls Softball, Rugby, B/G Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Adult Co-ed softball, adult frisbee, Kupuna softball, Adult Soccer, tennis teams, tball, coach pitch teams, etc. Waimea does not have enough facilities to support the increase of youth and adult sports programs. Waimea does not have a County gym as well. Additionally we have 3 high schools, 4 middle schools....and about 8 thousand people in this community. Waimea has had 12 age group volleyball teams, 10 boys basketball teams, 9 tb/cp teams, 9 biddy basketball teams; 3 divisions for football and flag football, over 400 participants in the north region AYSO league, 3 girls softball teams, and 3 kupuna softball teams. We have 1 designated rugby field which is also used for soccer practice; 1 cherry blossom park used for soccer and rugby practices; 1 main Waimea Park field (used for kupuna softball, football, AYSO, tb/cp practices and games); NO COUNTY GYM; we use Waimea School gym (Thelma Parker Gym) for practices and games; we use New Hope gym for practices (Parker School and Kanu O Ka 'Aina use this facility for volleyball practices); we have 1 outdoor basketball court, and 1 tennis court. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. WAIMEA KEIKI AND ADULTS NEED MORE PARK AND GYM FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE FOR OUR GROWING SPORTS COMMUNITY. Thank you very much. Melissa Samura, Recreation Director-Waimea. Dept of Parks and Recreation - Hawaii County"

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Wendy and Tony Craven	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a growing community Waimea (Kamuela) needs this facility badly. It would be a great asset to our neighborhood. Wendy and Tony Craven

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