
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A PUBLIC RACING FACILITY WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY A LOCATION AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC RACING FACILITIES ON OAHU TO IMPROVE SAFETY, BOOST ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, AND PROVIDE FOR RECREATION.

1 WHEREAS, automobile racing has a long and storied history
2 in Hawaii, encompassing drag racing, dirt track racing, rally
3 racing, karting, and road racing, among others; and
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5 WHEREAS, race track facilities have existed in every county
6 in Hawaii and have been used for training courses by law
7 enforcement, state and county agencies, nonprofit organizations,
8 and the general public; and
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10 WHEREAS, race track facilities can host local, national,
11 and international racing events that can create jobs, support
12 local businesses, and draw attention and visitors to Hawaii; and
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14 WHEREAS, similar public facilities have long existed for
15 numerous recreational and educational activities including field
16 sports such as football and baseball, indoor sports such as
17 basketball and volleyball, and other sports such as swimming,
18 archery, shooting, and golf; and
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20 WHEREAS, in 2006, the last racing facility on Oahu closed,
21 resulting in many people illegally racing on public streets; and
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23 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to support the
24 establishment of new racing facilities open to the general
25 public that can serve as an alternative to illegal street
26 racing, provide for driver education and training, enhance
27 public recreation, and create jobs, events, and exposure to
28 diversify and boost the local economy; and



1 WHEREAS, racing facilities should, at a minimum, include
2 one facility for a kart track and one facility for a road course
3 that may be used for driver training by law enforcement, state
4 and county agencies, nonprofit organizations, or the general
5 public; and
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7 WHEREAS, racing facilities should be appropriately located
8 away from residential areas to mitigate traffic, noise, and
9 other issues; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that a public racing
14 facility working group be convened to identify a location and
15 develop a plan for the establishment and operation of public
16 racing facilities on the island of Oahu to improve safety, boost
17 economic activity, and provide for recreation; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be comprised
20 of the following members, or their designees:
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- 22 (1) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
23 Transportation, who should serve as co-chair of the
24 working group;
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- 26 (2) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
27 Standing Committee on Transportation, who should serve
28 as co-chair of the working group;
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- 30 (3) The Director of Transportation;
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- 32 (4) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
33 Tourism;
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- 35 (5) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
36 Resources;
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- 38 (6) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the
39 Hawaii Tourism Authority;
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- 41 (7) The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu;



- 1 (8) The Director of Parks and Recreation for the City and
- 2 County of Honolulu;
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- 4 (9) A member representing the kart racing community;
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- 6 (10) A member representing a sport compact car racing
- 7 association; and
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- 9 (11) Any other members as may be necessary, as invited by
- 10 the co-chairs; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the public racing
 13 facility working group serve without compensation; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public racing facility
 16 working group is requested to submit a report of its progress,
 17 findings, and recommendations, including any proposed
 18 legislation, to the Legislature no later than December 1 of each
 19 year through December 1, 2025, or until a final plan and
 20 recommendations to establish a public racing facility on the
 21 island of Oahu are finalized and adopted; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
 25 of Transportation; Director of Business, Economic Development,
 26 and Tourism; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
 27 Resources; President and Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism
 28 Authority; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Chairperson
 29 of the Honolulu City Council; and Director of Parks and
 30 Recreation for the City and County of Honolulu.

