
SENATE RESOLUTION

CONVENING A PUBLIC RACING FACILITY WORKING GROUP TO LOCATE AND ESTABLISH 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, dirty 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, create jobs, events, and exposure to
28 diversify and boost the local economy; and
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30 WHEREAS, racing facilities should, at a minimum, include
31 one facility for a kart track and one facility for a road course
32 that may be used for driver training by law enforcement, state



1 and county agencies, nonprofit organizations, or the general
2 public; and

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4 WHEREAS, racing facilities should be appropriately located
5 away from residential areas to mitigate traffic, noise, and
6 other issues; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
10 that a public racing facility working group be convened to
11 identify a location and develop a plan for the establishment and
12 operation of public racing facilities on the island of Oahu to
13 improve safety, boost economic activity, and provide for
14 recreation; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be comprised
17 of the following members, or their designees:

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19 (1) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
20 Transportation, who should serve as co-chair of the
21 working group;
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23 (2) A member of the House of Representatives to be
24 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives, who should serve as co-chair of the
26 working group;
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28 (3) The Director of Transportation;
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30 (4) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
31 Tourism;
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33 (5) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
34 Resources;
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36 (6) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the
37 Hawaii Tourism Authority;
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39 (7) The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu;
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41 (8) The Director of Parks and Recreation for the City and
42 County of Honolulu;



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- 2 (9) A member representing the kart racing community;
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- 4 (10) A member representing a sport compact car racing
- 5 association; and
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- 7 (11) Any other members as may be necessary, as invited by
- 8 the co-chairs; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the public racing
11 facility working group serve without compensation; and

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

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

