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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STADIUM AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE A CONTRACT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM AND TO CONTINUE ITS
EFFORTS IN EARNEST TO CREATE THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.

1 WHEREAS, in 2019, the Legislature found that the Aloha
2 Stadium and lands under the jurisdiction of the Stadium
3 Authority and Department of Accounting and General Services have
4 been underutilized, and that the stadium facility has been in
5 dire need of significant repair and maintenance for many years;
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8 WHEREAS, the Legislature further found that redeveloping,
9 renovating, or improving these public lands in a manner that
10 will provide suitable recreational, residential, educational,
11 and commercial areas, where the public can live, congregate,
12 recreate, attend schools, and shop, as part of a thoughtfully
13 integrated experience, is in the best interests of the State and
14 its people and, accordingly, established the Stadium Development
15 District pursuant to Act 268 (2019) to make optimal use of
16 public land for the economic, residential, educational, and
17 social benefit of the people of Hawaii; and
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19 WHEREAS, since 2019, the Stadium Authority has been
20 overseeing the development of a masterplan of the Stadium
21 Development District, including a new stadium facility, that
22 focuses on reducing negative impacts on surrounding
23 neighborhoods while offering amenities that benefit the broader
24 community; and
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26 WHEREAS, the location of a new stadium facility was
27 carefully selected and strategically located in Halawa for its
28 proximity to transportation infrastructure, including highways
29 and the Honolulu rail system, ensuring accessibility and
30 minimizing traffic disruptions; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Stadium Authority finalized the environmental
2 impact statement for the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment
3 District (NASED) Project in September 2022; and
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5 WHEREAS, the NASED Project consists of the demolition of
6 the existing Aloha Stadium; design and construction of a new
7 multi-use stadium facility with a variety of amenities and a
8 minimum of twenty-five thousand seats; and mixed-use development
9 of some or all of the surrounding areas within the district,
10 such as housing, retail, hotel, and public spaces, creating a
11 vibrant community hub for both everyday use and major events;
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14 WHEREAS, the NASED Project will provide community and
15 recreational benefits by offering modern sports and
16 entertainment facilities, enhancing the quality of life for
17 residents and visitors; and
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19 WHEREAS, the smart urban design of the NASED Project aligns
20 with United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, with
21 considerations for environmental impact and energy-efficient
22 designs; and
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24 WHEREAS, the construction and ongoing operation of a new
25 state-of-the-art stadium facility and mixed-use entertainment
26 district will also create numerous jobs, including construction,
27 hospitality, and retail positions, furthering economic growth
28 and development; and
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30 WHEREAS, the new stadium facility is crucial for supporting
31 the University of Hawaii's football program and other athletic
32 events, which rely on modern facilities for competitive and
33 financial viability; and
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35 WHEREAS, the new stadium facility and entertainment
36 district is also expected to attract large-scale events such as
37 concerts, sporting events, and festivals, which will boost
38 tourism and generate significant income for local businesses;
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41 WHEREAS, the new stadium facility positions Hawaii to
42 attract national and international sporting events, and will



1 create opportunities to host marquee events like college
 2 football championships, soccer matches, and cultural
 3 celebrations, which can boost Hawaii's reputation as a global
 4 destination and diversify the State's economy beyond traditional
 5 tourism; and

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 7 WHEREAS, the procurement method of the NASED Project
 8 leverages private investment to reduce the financial burden on
 9 the State while ensuring professional development and
 10 management, and its mixed-use development model will generate
 11 additional revenue beyond ticket sales from retail, dining, and
 12 housing, making the development of the Stadium Development
 13 District more financially sustainable; and

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 15 WHEREAS, the NASED Project is in its final stages of
 16 planning and procurement, having already selected Aloha Halawa
 17 District Partners as a preferred developer, and the Halawa site
 18 has already undergone extensive environmental and planning
 19 review and completed an environmental impact study, streamlining
 20 the process and ensuring readiness for construction; and

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 22 WHEREAS, the timely procurement and successful delivery of
 23 the NASED Project is critical to avoid delays and to leverage
 24 the years of work and investment to support Hawaii's economic
 25 future, sports culture, and community development; now,
 26 therefore,

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 28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
 29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
 30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Stadium Authority
 31 is urged to finalize a contract for the construction of the new
 32 Aloha Stadium and to continue its efforts in earnest to create
 33 the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District; and

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 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 37 Stadium Authority.

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 OFFERED BY:


