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SENATE 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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32 WHEREAS, the Stadium Authority finalized the environmental
33 impact statement for the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment
34 District (NASED) Project in September 2022; and



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2 WHEREAS, the NASED Project consists of the demolition of
3 the existing Aloha Stadium; design and construction of a new
4 multi-use stadium facility with a variety of amenities and a
5 minimum of twenty-five thousand seats; and mixed-use development
6 of some or all of the surrounding areas within the district,
7 such as housing, retail, hotel, and public spaces, creating a
8 vibrant community hub for both everyday use and major events;
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11 WHEREAS, the NASED Project will provide community and
12 recreational benefits by offering modern sports and
13 entertainment facilities, enhancing the quality of life for
14 residents and visitors; and

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16 WHEREAS, the smart urban design of the NASED Project aligns
17 with United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, with
18 considerations for environmental impact and energy-efficient
19 designs; and

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21 WHEREAS, the construction and ongoing operation of a new
22 state-of-the-art stadium facility and mixed-use entertainment
23 district will also create numerous jobs, including construction,
24 hospitality, and retail positions, furthering economic growth
25 and development; and

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27 WHEREAS, the new stadium facility is crucial for supporting
28 the University of Hawaii's football program and other athletic
29 events, which rely on modern facilities for competitive and
30 financial viability; and

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32 WHEREAS, the new stadium facility and entertainment
33 district is also expected to attract large-scale events such as
34 concerts, sporting events, and festivals, which will boost
35 tourism and generate significant income for local businesses;
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38 WHEREAS, the new stadium facility positions Hawaii to
39 attract national and international sporting events, and will
40 create opportunities to host marquee events like college
41 football championships, soccer matches, and cultural
42 celebrations, which can boost Hawaii's reputation as a global



1 destination and diversify the State's economy beyond traditional
2 tourism; and

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

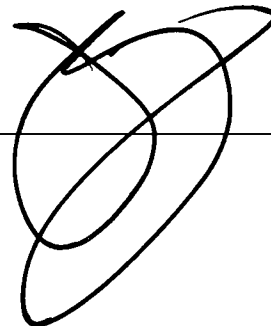
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12 WHEREAS, the NASED Project is in its final stages of
13 planning and procurement, having already selected Aloha Halawa
14 District Partners as a preferred developer, and the Halawa site
15 has already undergone extensive environmental and planning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

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

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

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Stadium
34 Authority.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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