
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND VARIETY OF PLAYGROUND FEATURES OF PLAYGROUNDS AT ALL CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU PARKS.

1 WHEREAS, active play is vital for childhood development, as
2 it helps children create, explore, and imagine, which in turns
3 helps their brains develop, builds important creative thinking
4 and problem-solving skills, and contributes to their emotional
5 well-being; and

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7 WHEREAS, active play also encourages children to develop
8 motor skills and develop healthy lifestyle habits; and

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10 WHEREAS, playgrounds provide a safe space for children of
11 all income levels to engage in active play with others, which
12 allows children to learn how to interact in a group and helps
13 forge strong social connections; and

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15 WHEREAS, modern playgrounds on the continental United
16 States increasingly provide inclusive equipment, nature-based
17 play structures, and adaptive features that allow children of
18 all abilities to participate; and

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20 WHEREAS, many playgrounds in the City and County of
21 Honolulu lack these amenities, contain aging or outdated
22 equipment and limited shade and seating options, and lack
23 accessible play structures; and

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25 WHEREAS, outdated playgrounds can negatively impact
26 children's physical activity levels, limit opportunities for
27 outdoor learning and socialization, and may increase the risk of
28 injury due to equipment wear or inadequate safety surfacing; and
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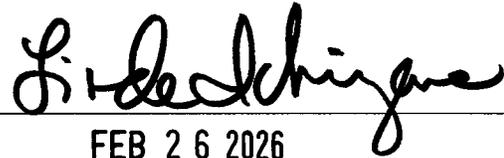
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1 WHEREAS, high-quality, safe, and inclusive playgrounds
 2 contribute to community well-being, promote equitable access to
 3 recreation, and support families by providing essential public
 4 spaces that encourage healthy lifestyles; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Parks and
 9 Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu is urged to
 10 improve the safety, accessibility, and variety of playground
 11 features of playgrounds at all City and County of Honolulu
 12 parks; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
 16 and County of Honolulu and Director of Parks and Recreation of
 17 the City and County of Honolulu.
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