
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO INSTALL PERMANENT PICKLEBALL NETS AND COURT LIGHTING AT THE TENNIS COURTS AT KAMILO'IKI COMMUNITY PARK.

1 WHEREAS, Kamilo'iki Community Park in Hawaii Kai serves as
2 an important recreational gathering place for residents of East
3 Honolulu and provides facilities for tennis, pickleball, and
4 other community activities; and

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6 WHEREAS, pickleball has rapidly grown into one of the most
7 popular recreational sports in the United States, attracting
8 participants of all ages due to its accessibility, social
9 nature, and relatively low-impact physical activity; and

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11 WHEREAS, according to the Sports and Fitness Industry
12 Association's Topline Participation Report, approximately 19.8
13 million Americans played pickleball in 2024, representing a 45.8
14 percent increase from the previous year and more than a 300
15 percent increase over three years, making it the fastest-growing
16 sport in the United States; and

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18 WHEREAS, the sport's popularity has created increased
19 demand for courts nationwide, with tens of thousands of
20 dedicated pickleball courts now in operation across the country
21 and many communities converting existing tennis facilities to
22 accommodate pickleball play; and

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24 WHEREAS, Kamilo'iki Community Park has become a popular
25 location for pickleball play, particularly among kupuna and
26 other residents seeking accessible and social forms of physical
27 activity; and

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29 WHEREAS, players currently must bring and set up their own
30 temporary nets each time they wish to play pickleball at the



1 park, which can create logistical challenges and limit
2 opportunities for spontaneous recreational use; and

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4 WHEREAS, installing permanent pickleball nets would
5 significantly improve accessibility and convenience for
6 residents, encourage greater participation in healthy outdoor
7 recreation, and help meet growing demand for pickleball
8 facilities in East Honolulu; and

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10 WHEREAS, the tennis courts at Kamilo'iki Community Park
11 currently do not have court lighting, requiring players to stop
12 playing once daylight ends, even when weather conditions and
13 community demand would otherwise allow continued recreational
14 use; and

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16 WHEREAS, installing lighting at the courts would allow
17 residents to safely enjoy recreational activities during evening
18 hours, particularly during shorter winter days and after normal
19 working hours; and

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21 WHEREAS, expanding recreational opportunities at existing
22 park facilities can help promote physical health, strengthen
23 community connections, and ensure that public parks continue to
24 serve residents of all ages; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2026, that the City and County of Honolulu Department of
29 Parks and Recreation is requested to install permanent
30 pickleball nets and court lighting at the tennis courts located
31 at Kamilo'iki Community Park; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Parks and
34 Recreation is encouraged to consult with community members and
35 park users regarding the design, placement, and number of
36 pickleball courts and lighting improvements necessary to best
37 serve the needs of the surrounding community; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
41 Honolulu, the Honolulu City Councilmember for District 4, and



1 the Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of
2 Parks and Recreation.

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