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H.B. NO. 1927-86

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Development of a Master Plan to Promote Hawaii as a Sports Center.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Findings and purpose. The legislature finds that, because of its location in the center of the Pacific Basin and also its year-round temperate climate, Hawaii should be developed into an international sports center. Our State is located in such a position that it may appropriately serve as a site for international athletic performances, competitions, and games. In addition, there are sufficient data to confirm the fact that Hawaii is also a suitable location for the development of a sports training center.

The legislature finds that the development of a master plan is the first step in the process of transforming Hawaii into an international sports center. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the creation of such a master plan for the promotion and development of Hawaii as a sports center. In the development of the master plan the following shall be considered:

- (1) The events and sports which are conducive to the environment, facilities, and interest of the people of the State;
- (2) Athletes who have the potential for competing in particular sports and events, and strategies to encourage those athletes and their coaches to train in Hawaii;
- (3) Development of a list of facilities needed to institute such a program including provision for infrastructure, housing, and meals, for use of training rooms, weight rooms, and locker rooms, for services of trainers and doctors, and for other related purposes;
- (4) Development of agreements with appropriate state agencies, as well as other public and private organizations, for use of their facilities and equipment to provide competitive opportunities, training, and assistance to athletes, giving special attention to matters of liability and insurance;
- (5) Coordination and assistance to public and private organizations in the conduct of sports clinics, meets, and competitive events during which athletes teach, provide demonstrations, or otherwise participate, with due consideration to the eligibility rules of appropriate high school, collegiate, and other amateur organizations;
- (6) Prioritization of those sporting events which include and benefit the children of the State; and

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- (7) The assistance of private nonprofit sports clubs for athletes by providing information and advice on organizational rules and practices which will allow for donations to assist athletes, without jeopardizing their eligibility for amateur athletic competition.

Further, the master plan shall identify the estimated costs, determine the usage and anticipated revenues from the operation of the sports center facilities, recommend names of potential operators of the various facilities, and consider any other factors necessary or related to the promotion and development of Hawaii as a sports center.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1986-1987, to carry out the purposes of this Act, including the hiring of necessary staff. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of planning and economic development.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1986.

(Approved May 29, 1986.)