

ACT 179

S.B. NO. 3233

A Bill for an Act Relating to Sports.

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

SECTION 1. The State of Hawaii, which is known worldwide for its natural beauty and central location in the Pacific Basin, has the potential to become a mecca for national, regional, and international sports competition and the training of athletes. The establishment of a Hawaii sports authority would have a tremendous impact on the economy and the State's efforts to diversify the economic base with new industries that are socially and environmentally compatible.

Concomitant with the goal of Hawaii to attract national, regional, and international sporting events and the training of athletes is the need for additional sports and training facilities and programs to serve the requirements of seasoned world-class and novice athletes.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the office of the state planning for a comprehensive study on the feasibility of the establishment of a Hawaii sports authority that will be responsible for the operation and management of the Aloha Stadium and other sports facilities of the State, with the exception of the sports facilities of the University of Hawaii and the planning, development, and construction of new state water and land-based sports facilities.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1990-1991 to be exceeded by \$100,000 or 0.0039 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

SECTION 3. The office of state planning shall conduct a comprehensive study on the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii sports authority with jurisdiction over Aloha Stadium and other facilities of the State, excluding sports facilities of the University of Hawaii system. The study shall also include, but not be limited to, other related issues such as:

- (1) The planning, development, and construction of sports facilities;
- (2) Development of new sports or sports-related programs;
- (3) New methods and mechanisms for the financing of sports facilities and programs;

- (4) The consolidation of promotional and marketing programs of the State to attract new sporting events and to improve upon existing competitive and noncompetitive sporting events in Hawaii; and
- (5) Recommended powers and jurisdiction of the proposed sports authority.

The office of state planning shall submit a report on the comprehensive study to the legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 1991.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of state planning.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1990.

(Approved June 19, 1990.)