
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECREATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Aloha stadium is a
2 public asset, but one that requires substantial expenditures to
3 address a backlog of repair and maintenance. In 2005, the
4 department of accounting and general services contracted for a
5 planning study for Aloha stadium. The final report, published
6 in December 2005, included findings and recommendations related
7 to a conditional survey, structural safety, capital
8 improvements, stadium enhancements, and new stadium options.

9 The legislature further finds that while it is critical to
10 maximize the use and the income of Aloha stadium, it may not be
11 in the best long-term interests of the public to maintain the
12 current stadium in perpetuity.

13 The purpose of this Act is to require the University of
14 Hawaii, with the assistance of other public and private sector
15 entities involved in the development of west Oahu, to study the
16 feasibility of constructing a new recreational stadium in west
17 Oahu.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The University of Hawaii, with the
2 assistance of other public and private sector entities involved
3 in the development of west Oahu, shall study the feasibility of
4 constructing a new recreational stadium in west Oahu, including
5 but not limited to an assessment of the:

- 6 (1) Optimal focus of a new recreational stadium, and
7 whether the facility should be dedicated principally
8 to sports and athletics;
- 9 (2) Possible sites located in or near regional growth
10 centers in the west Oahu region, including land
11 availability and infrastructure requirements for each;
- 12 (3) Funding and development options, including existing
13 and new public-private partnerships relating to mass
14 transit and higher education campus development; and
- 15 (4) Alternative uses for the current Aloha stadium
16 facility and site, as a means of providing financing,
17 or a portion of the financing for the new recreational
18 stadium.

19 The University of Hawaii may consult with federal and
20 county agencies responsible for the mass transit planning for
21 the region, the United States military, the Kalaeloa community
22 development district, the department of Hawaiian home lands, and



1 private sector organizations and entities involved in the
2 development of west Oahu, as appropriate.

3 (b) In conducting the feasibility study, the University of
4 Hawaii shall consider and update as necessary the findings and
5 recommendations of the December 2005 Aloha Stadium Planning
6 Study Final Report.

7 (c) The University of Hawaii shall submit the findings and
8 recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days
9 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the stadium
11 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for a feasibility study of
13 constructing a new recreational stadium in west Oahu; provided
14 that the University of Hawaii shall provide in-kind or other
15 resources as appropriate to conduct the study.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
17 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
19 provided that section 3 shall take effect July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

Stadium; Feasibility Study; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii, with the assistance of other public and private sector entities involved in the development of west Oahu, to study the feasibility of constructing a new recreational stadium in west Oahu; report to the 2009 legislature. (SD1)

