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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE JUDICIARY TO EXPEDITE THE SELECTION OF THE SITE FOR  
THE KONA JUDICIARY COMPLEX AND CONSIDER LA'I'OPUA AS A  
POTENTIAL SITE FOR THE COMPLEX.

1           WHEREAS, the island of Hawai'i is the island with the second  
2 largest population in the State, and specifically the County of  
3 Hawai'i has had the highest population growth rate in the State  
4 in the past decade; and  
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6           WHEREAS, according to the County of Hawai'i 2005 General  
7 Plan, the population of North and South Kona represents  
8 approximately 25 percent of the entire county population, which  
9 is projected to steadily increase through 2020 with a 52.5  
10 percent increase from the 2000 census; and  
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12           WHEREAS, court facilities in the West Hawai'i area of the  
13 County of Hawai'i, specifically the Kona region, are grossly  
14 inadequate to meet the current and future needs of the growing  
15 West Hawai'i population; and  
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17           WHEREAS, major court operations are presently scattered  
18 throughout the Kona area at separate facilities, none of which  
19 were originally designed for use as a court, which has resulted  
20 in operational deficiencies, greater security risks, and public  
21 inconvenience; and  
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23           WHEREAS, none of the West Hawai'i courtrooms meet the  
24 requirements of modern courtroom design; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the various buildings serving as court facilities  
27 in West Hawai'i lack appropriate or otherwise have inappropriate  
28 holding facilities for defendants making court appearances,  
29 resulting in overcrowded holding cells where defendants share  
30 common areas with court personnel and the general public; and  
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32           WHEREAS, court facilities in West Hawai'i also suffer from  
33 inadequate parking, storage space, rodent infestation, and



1 compliance with Adults with Disabilities Act access  
2 requirements; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Third Circuit Court lacks a juvenile detention  
5 center; and

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7 WHEREAS, the aforementioned circumstances necessitate  
8 immediate design and construction of a new court complex for the  
9 Kona area; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Judiciary is currently engaged in the site  
12 selection process for the Kona Judiciary Complex, with the final  
13 decision to be made by the Chief Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme  
14 Court; now, therefore,

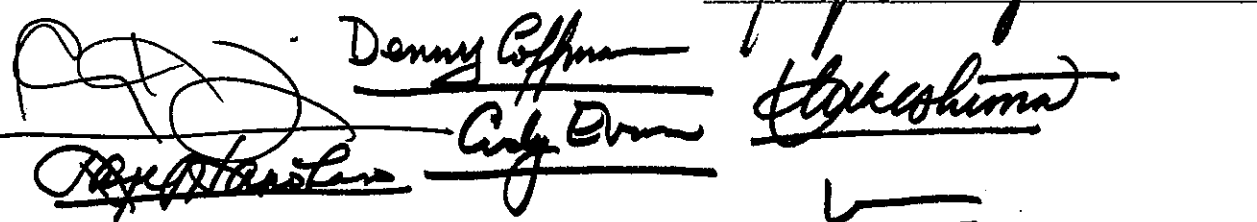
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2011, that the Judiciary is urged to expedite the selection  
19 of the site for the Kona Judiciary Complex; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary is urged to  
22 consider the site known as La'i'Opua, tax map key number 3-7-4-  
23 021:003, which is under the jurisdiction of the Department of  
24 Hawaiian Home Lands, as a potential site for the Kona Judiciary  
25 Complex; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home  
28 Lands is urged to cooperate with the Judiciary for purposes of  
29 selecting a site for the Kona Judiciary Complex; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Hawai'i  
33 Supreme Court and the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes  
34 Commission.

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37 OFFERED BY:

  
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