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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LA'I'OPUA 2020 AND ITS EFFORTS TO
CONSTRUCT THE LA'I'OPUA COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX.

1 WHEREAS, the County of Hawaii estimates that the population
2 in north Kona will have increased by about twenty-eight percent
3 by the year 2020, with a corresponding increase in the need for
4 community resources; and

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6 WHEREAS, there is already a lack of recreational
7 facilities, social services, and health care facilities near the
8 Villages of La'i'Opua, located in north Kona; for example, the
9 nearest hospital is fifteen miles away; and

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11 WHEREAS, La'i'Opua 2020 is a Kona-based not-for-profit
12 organization that seeks to identify community needs, develop and
13 foster the creation of community facilities, and plan and
14 partner with service providers to offer a variety of services
15 and programs for the residents of the Villages of La'i'Opua and
16 the greater north Kona area; and

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18 WHEREAS, La'i'Opua 2020 has secured a sixty-five-year
19 general lease from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the
20 26.75 acre parcel of land adjacent to Kealakehe High School to
21 develop the La'i'Opua Community Center Complex, which will
22 include a community center, medical clinic, child and adult day
23 care facility, Kamehameha Schools preschool, gymnasium, aquatic
24 center, athletic fields, outdoor courts, amphitheater, meeting
25 facilities, and office space; and

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27 WHEREAS, some of the organizations that have partnered with
28 La'i'Opua 2020 to develop the complex include the County of
29 Hawaii, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kamehameha Schools,
30 Kealakehe High School, and Alu Like, Inc.; and

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32 WHEREAS, the construction and operation of the facilities
33 will create new jobs, thereby contributing to the continuing
34 economic vitality of the region through community-based training



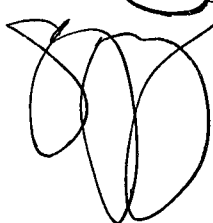
1 and career-building opportunities as well as the establishment
2 of critical entry-level jobs; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
6 that this body supports the La'i'Opua 2020 organization and its
7 efforts to develop the La'i'Opua Community Center Complex; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Senate President, Speaker of
11 the House of Representatives, and the Executive Director of
12 La'i'Opua 2020.
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