
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE, UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, AND THE TOKYO ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES TO ENCOURAGE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC ATHLETES TO TRAIN IN HAWAII FOR THE 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS AND THE 2020 SUMMER PARALYMPICS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a rich cultural, historical, and
2 spiritual heritage in sports and athletics; and

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4 WHEREAS, sports were a significant part of Native Hawaiian
5 culture and life, with athletics being an important way of
6 showcasing the physical abilities of Hawaiian warriors; and

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8 WHEREAS, competitive sports were an important element in
9 the ceremonies associated with the Makahiki season, with ali'i
10 and commoners alike training to compete; and

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12 WHEREAS, athletics remains an important part of Hawaii's
13 culture, with the State holding a large number of major
14 international and national sports events each year, including
15 the Honolulu Marathon; Moloka'i Hoe Canoe Race; IRONMAN World
16 Championship; XTERRA World Championship; Maui Jim Maui
17 Invitational; major golf tournaments including the Sony Open and
18 Mitsubishi Electric Championship; and numerous surfing events
19 including The Quicksilver in memory of Eddie Aikau Big Wave
20 Invitational and the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing; and

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22 WHEREAS, sports tourism has also been a major driver of
23 Hawaii's economy, producing \$144,000,000 in economic impacts in
24 2016; and

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26 WHEREAS, the International Olympic Committee approved the
27 addition of baseball, softball, karate, sport climbing, surfing,
28 and skateboarding to the 2020 Summer Olympics, and the



1 International Paralympic Committee approved the addition of
2 badminton and taekwondo to the 2020 Summer Paralympics; and
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4 WHEREAS, many of these new sport additions have long, rich
5 traditions in the State, most notably the sport of surfing, the
6 heritage of which can be directly traced to the Native
7 Hawaiians; and
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9 WHEREAS, in addition to the State's rich sports legacy,
10 Hawaii is blessed with the spirit of aloha and is welcoming to
11 all visiting athletes, including all potential Olympic or
12 Paralympic athletes; and
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14 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is eager and prepared to work
15 together with the International Olympic Committee, International
16 Paralympic Committee, United States Olympic Committee, and the
17 Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games
18 to welcome all athletes who wish to train for the 2020 Summer
19 Olympics and 2020 Summer Paralympics in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2018, that the International Olympic Committee, International
24 Paralympic Committee, United States Olympic Committee, and the
25 Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games
26 are urged to encourage Olympic and Paralympic Athletes training
27 to compete in the 2020 Summer Olympics and 2020 Summer
28 Paralympics to conduct their athletic training in Hawaii; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of
32 State, members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, Governor,
33 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority,
34 Chairperson of the Stadium Authority, Director of Athletics of
35 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Chairperson of the Disability
36 and Communication Access Board, Mayor of each county, President
37 of the International Olympic Committee, President of the
38 International Paralympic Committee, Chief Executive Officer of
39 the United States Olympic Committee, Director General of the
40 Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games,



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1 Dean of the Consular Corps of Hawaii, and President of the
2 Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association.
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