

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2172

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2677

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2677 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AS THE STATE'S SHARE OF JOINT FUNDING WITH THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO WAIMEA DISTRICT/REGIONAL PARK,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for a grant to Hawaii County as the State's share of joint funding with Hawaii County for improvements to the Waimea District/Regional Park on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Mayor of Maui County, Waimea District Park Builders, and fifty-four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that Waimea is a growing sports community. As of last March, there was a twenty-three percent increase in participation in the County of Hawaii's parks and recreation sports community, which is already active in soccer, football, baseball, little league, softball, rugby, basketball, volleyball, frisbee, and T-ball. Despite Waimea's vibrant sports community, the district currently has only one small five-acre park in the middle of town. It has one softball field and two small practice fields. Women's softball, men's softball, senior softball, little league from T-ball to seniors, football, soccer, and rugby all share the same field.

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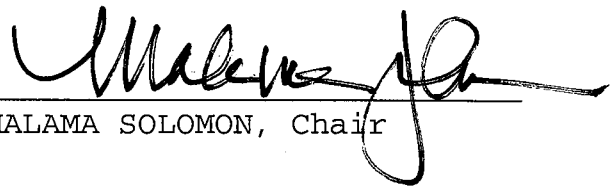


The Waimea community has long been lacking in active playing fields for various sports, and for more than twenty years, the community has been promised a park to help all the sports organizations and non-profits to congregate. Without sufficient facilities, the park lacks space to support the increase of youth and adult sports programs, and lacks a county gym to support these many youth and adult team sports. Waimea residents have sought new and better park facilities to keep their children and youth active and engaged in healthy, positive activities and to provide recreational opportunities for seniors and families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2677, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2677, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,

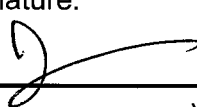


MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2677	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 2/5/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SOLOMON, Malama (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	7			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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