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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO LEASE
APPROXIMATELY 13.2 ACRES OF STATE-OWNED PUBLIC LAND NEAR
KE'EHU LAGOON.

1 WHEREAS, the Pacific Gateway Center was founded in 1973 to
2 help immigrants, refugees, and low-income residents of Hawaii
3 gain access to opportunities and services by fulfilling skills
4 that lead to self-sufficiency while respecting the integrity of
5 diverse cultural heritages; and

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7 WHEREAS, Oahu Head Start, founded in 1965, strengthens
8 families through early childhood education, ongoing parent
9 education, and parent policy council leadership opportunities;
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12 WHEREAS, the administrative facilities of both the Pacific
13 Gateway Center and Head Start are extremely dilapidated,
14 deteriorating, overcrowded, substandard, and unsafe; and

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16 WHEREAS, because of the poor work environment, the staff
17 are restricted and obstructed in their ability to deliver
18 services and assist target populations that include low-income
19 families, homeless families, recent immigrants, high school
20 drop-outs, and abused spouses; and

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22 WHEREAS, both of these non-profit organizations recognize
23 that their target populations and clients share common
24 characteristics and will benefit from the convenience of
25 receiving services from a one-stop Ke'ehi Community Resource
26 Center; and

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28 WHEREAS, this comprehensive approach not only improves the
29 delivery of program services to common target populations, but
30 also enables the two organizations to share common costs and



1 eliminate the unnecessary duplication of administrative
2 overhead; and

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4 WHEREAS, Oahu Head Start's lease for its current Kapalama
5 Military Reservation site terminates in two years; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Pacific Gateway Center and Oahu Head Start are
8 collaborating to develop a Ke'ehi Community Resource Center; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Ke'ehi Community Resource Center is envisioned
11 as a comprehensive one-stop facility that can accommodate early
12 childhood education programs, comprehensive child care programs,
13 workforce development training programs, food service
14 facilities, administrative office space, and a designated area
15 for police; and

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17 WHEREAS, these community services are presently scattered
18 across the City and County of Honolulu; and

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20 WHEREAS, as planned, the Ke'ehi Community Resource Center
21 would have a campus-like atmosphere by dividing sixty-four
22 thousand square feet of floor area into five separate
23 structures; and

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25 WHEREAS, each structure would be designed in a contemporary
26 Hawaiian manner with landscaping to beautify the surrounding
27 area; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Ke'ehi Community Resource Center project is
30 estimated to cost \$15,000,000 and will be funded by various
31 sources; and

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33 WHEREAS, approximately 13.2 acres of vacant and unimproved
34 state-owned public land near Ke'ehi Lagoon, that is leased
35 month-to-month, has been proposed as the location of the Ke'ehi
36 Community Resource Center; and

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38 WHEREAS, the 13.2 acres of state-owned public land near
39 Ke'ehi Lagoon in question is comprised of different parcels that
40 are known as TMK 1-1-3:30, 138, 204, 205, 206, 207, 211, and
41 212; and



1 WHEREAS, section 171-43.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, permits
 2 the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease public lands,
 3 by direct negotiation and for nominal consideration, to a
 4 qualifying eleemosynary organization for the organization's
 5 chartered purposes; and

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 7 WHEREAS, the Pacific Gateway Center is a qualifying
 8 eleemosynary organization; and

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 10 WHEREAS, investing in the proposed Ke'ehi Community Resource
 11 Center will result in long-term returns by reducing the costs
 12 for incarceration and public assistance as family strengthening
 13 strategies are effectively implemented by the two organizations
 14 and their community partner agencies; and

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 16 WHEREAS, the proposed Ke'ehi Community Resource Center is a
 17 worthy project for the public welfare and the state-owned public
 18 land near Ke'ehi Lagoon should be leased to the Pacific Gateway
 19 Center for the purpose of developing the Ke'ehi Community
 20 Resource Center; now, therefore,

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 22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
 24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Land and
 25 Natural Resources is requested to lease approximately 13.2 acres
 26 of state-owned public land near Ke'ehi Lagoon to the Pacific
 27 Gateway Center for the purpose of developing the Ke'ehi Community
 28 Resource Center; and

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 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lease is requested to be at
 31 a nominal consideration, by direct negotiation, and without
 32 recourse to public auction pursuant to section 171-43.1, Hawaii
 33 Revised Statutes; and

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 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board
 37 of Land and Natural Resources, Director of the Pacific Gateway
 38 Center, and Director of Oahu Head Start in Hawaii.

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