



**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**  
**KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 24-62

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**RESOLUTION**

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URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL BEACH/SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS AT CITY PARKS.

WHEREAS, the first recorded game of beach/sand volleyball was played on Waikīkī Beach in 1915, when a net was set up on the sand and volleyballs were provided to beachgoers for their entertainment; and

WHEREAS, beach/sand volleyball has continuously grown in popularity and has since become an established part of Hawai'i's local culture; and

WHEREAS, beach/sand volleyball has been an Olympic Sport since 1996 and several past Olympians have Hawai'i roots, such as O'ahu natives Kevin Wong, Taylor Crabb, and Tri Bourne; and

WHEREAS, beach/sand volleyball became a fully-sanctioned National Collegiate Athletic Association ("NCAA") sport in the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 article in Pittsburg State University's Department of Economics' Journal of Managerial Issues noted that intercollegiate beach/sand volleyball has emerged as the fastest-growing sport in the NCAA; and

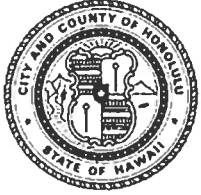
WHEREAS, due to this increased popularity, the NCAA and participating colleges and universities have awarded many scholarships to promising collegiate beach/sand volleyball student-athletes, thereby providing a means by which the keiki of the City and County of Honolulu ("City") can further their higher education goals; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i's and Chaminade University of Honolulu's Women's Beach Volleyball teams host games and tournaments at Queen's Surf Beach Park ("Queen's Beach"), as does the Hawaii Beach Volleyball Association; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Big West Beach Volleyball Championship was held on April 21st – 22nd, 2023, on Queen's Beach; and

WHEREAS, beach/sand volleyball continues to grow in popularity in the City, the State of Hawai'i, the nation, and abroad; and

WHEREAS, currently there are only six City beach/sand volleyball courts, four at Queen's Beach and two at Ala Moana Regional Park; and



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WHEREAS, a 2017 news story on local television noted that the City's Department of Parks and Recreation was planning to build more beach/sand volleyball courts around the island; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that, due to the growing popularity of beach/sand volleyball and the continued lack of publicly-available courts on which to play, practice, and compete, the construction of additional beach/sand volleyball courts is more warranted than ever; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the City Administration to take necessary action to construct additional beach/sand volleyball courts at City parks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is requested to provide to the Council, no later than six months following the adoption of this resolution, a written report on plans and efforts to construct additional beach/sand volleyball courts; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tony Wata

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**MAR 6 2024**

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

**RESOLUTION 24-62**

Introduced: 03/06/24 By: TOMMY WATERS

Committee: PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND  
CULTURE AND THE ARTS (PESCA)

Title: URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL BEACH/SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS AT CITY  
PARKS.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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03/06/24	INTRO	Introduced.
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04/03/24	PESCA	Reported out for adoption.
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4 AYES: CORDERO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA

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04/17/24	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted.
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8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA,  
WATERS, WEYER

1 ABSENT: TUPOLA

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this  
RESOLUTION.

  
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GLENI. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER