

Resolution 24-51 Testimony



The Senate
Ka 'Aha Kenekoa

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The Honorable Augie Tulba, Chair
The Honorable Val A. Okimoto, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Parks, Enterprise Services, and Culture and the Arts
Honolulu City Council
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Subject: RESOLUTION 24-51 – USE OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FACILITIES AND
GROUNDS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES**

Aloha e Chair Tulba, Vice Chair Okimoto, and Members of the Committee,

I offer my testimony in **strong support** of Resolution 24-51 which would look into access into State Department of Education ("DOE") facilities by the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"). There is a great demand for fields, pools, facilities, and areas throughout our state and City and County of Honolulu. With many sports being year-round it can make it quite challenging to find an open field for members of the public and for organized teams.

This session, I introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution ("SCR") 30 which requests the DOE to make available recreational facilities to the public during non-peak hours and non-peak days.

Your support by reporting out Resolution 24-51 will be a big step to encourage the DOE to look at other ways to utilize their facilities. Thank you to Vice Chair Kia'āina for leading the efforts to introduce this Resolution and to the Parks Committee for your consideration.
Mahalo!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Elefante", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Brandon Elefante

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