



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A CONCERT HALL AND MEETING ROOM FACILITY IN CENTRAL OAHU.

WHEREAS, the rental of facilities and equipment and the concession services at the Neal Blaisdell Center generate revenue for the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Enterprise Services is committed to providing diverse and high quality entertainment to the entire community with excellence in service and facilities as its goal; and

WHEREAS, with continuous seating, a proscenium stage, and modern lighting and sound systems, the Blaisdell Concert Hall can be used for plenary sessions, symposiums, and other large meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Blaisdell Concert Hall is the primary performing arts theater for the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra and the Hawaii Opera Theatre; and

WHEREAS, in past years, Broadway productions and other national touring shows, such as Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Rent, Miss Saigon, Chicago, Cats, and the Lion King have all been performed in the Blaisdell Concert Hall; and

WHEREAS, these successful showings have led to other notable shows such as Wicked, Rain – A Tribute To The Beatles, and Blue Man Group being scheduled at the Blaisdell Concert Hall, which potentially causes displacement of the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are continuing community efforts to establish an arts presence in the Central and Leeward Oahu regions; and

WHEREAS, it is the Council's desire to determine the feasibility of developing a concert hall and meeting room facility in Central Oahu, which would support music and the arts in a currently underserved region of Oahu and which could also temporarily accommodate the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra during times when the Blaisdell Concert Hall is fully booked; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Enterprise Services is requested to determine the feasibility of developing a concert hall and meeting room facility in Central Oahu; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the Council no later than 120 days following the adoption of this resolution, including any proposed legislation needed to implement the development of a concert hall and meeting room facility in Central Oahu; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Director of Enterprise Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

Nestor Garcia

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

November 20, 2012
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers