
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NATURAL AREA RESERVE SYSTEM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Kaena point
2 area, at the western-most tip of the island and comprising of
3 approximately thirty-four acres, represents the last relatively
4 intact coastal dune ecosystem remaining on Oahu. Prior to the
5 inclusion of the area into the natural area reserve system
6 managed by the department of land and natural resources, it was
7 a favored spot for off-road driving that severely degraded the
8 value of the ecosystem. The simple traversing of the area in a
9 vehicle on a then existing narrow jeep trail caused extreme
10 degradation to the resources of the area. Soon after the
11 department of land and natural resources closed the area to
12 vehicular access, the vegetation began to recover.

13 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit all public vehicular
14 access within the Kaena point natural area reserve.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 195, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:



1 "§195- Kaena point natural area reserve, vehicular
2 access prohibited. (a) The use of any vehicle within or
3 traversing the Kaena point natural area reserve is prohibited.
4 Any violation of this section shall be subject to section 195-8.
5 (b) This prohibition shall not apply to vehicles operated
6 by personnel or agents of the department of land and natural
7 resources necessary for the management and maintenance of the
8 Kaena point natural area reserve and its resources.
9 (c) For purposes of this section, "vehicle" means every
10 motorized device in, upon, or by which any person or property is
11 or may be transported or drawn, including all-terrain vehicles
12 and mopeds."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Kaena Point; Natural Area Reserve System

Description:

Prohibits public vehicular access in Kaena Point natural area reserve.

