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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OLD KAILUA  
AIRPORT PARK IN KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII.

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

1           SECTION 1. The county of Hawaii will assume responsibility  
2 for the current state-run portion of the old Kailua airport  
3 park, which is in great need of improvements ranging from basic  
4 repairs to new facilities to better serve the public as a public  
5 beach park. All of the existing structures require various  
6 repairs or complete overhaul to restore them to a safe, clean,  
7 and useful condition worthy of use by tourists as well as  
8 residents. Additionally, the county of Hawaii intends to better  
9 utilize the site by increasing the amount of beach park  
10 amenities and diversifying the park's uses by introducing other  
11 recreation-related facilities. It is also important to soften  
12 the vast expanse of the underutilized asphalt runway area by  
13 introducing climate appropriate landscaping improvements and  
14 cleaning up the shoreline vegetation for greater beach capacity.

15           This project is a prime candidate for state funding because  
16 the county of Hawaii will be assuming responsibility for state  
17 park lands and in doing so, must make a significant investment



1 in new staff and equipment to adequately care for this large  
 2 increase in county park inventory. The State's assistance in  
 3 funding the physical improvements will help make the ownership  
 4 transition from State to county seamless in the public's eyes  
 5 and the benefit to West Hawaii will be invaluable.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000, or so  
 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for  
 9 a grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for improvements and  
 10 repairs to the old Kailua airport park in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii,  
 11 to establish a safe public beach park and related facilities.

12 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
 13 county of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

By Request

SB 2402

**Report Title:**

Old Kailua Airport Park; Improvements; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to provide improvements to the old Kailua airport park to create a usable, safe public beach park with recreation-related facilities.

