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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-29.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3 "(b) The department may also place a lien against the real
4 property of any recipient receiving medical assistance who is an
5 inpatient in a nursing facility, intermediate care facility for
6 the mentally retarded, or other medical institution, after a
7 state determination, pursuant to notice and hearing requirements
8 of chapter 91, that the recipient cannot reasonably be expected
9 to be discharged from the medical institution and returned home.
10 There is a rebuttable presumption that the recipient cannot
11 reasonably be expected to be discharged from the facility and
12 return home if the recipient or a representative of the
13 recipient declares that there is no intent to return home or if
14 the recipient has been institutionalized for six months or
15 longer without a discharge plan.

16 (1) The department may not place a lien on the recipient's
17 home if the recipient's:

18 (A) Spouse;



A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Recent news articles have brought to the
2 public's attention the recent use by the boating public of the
3 small sand bar situated in Kaneohe bay, known to native
4 Hawaiians as Ahu o Laka. According to the news articles, the
5 sand bar is named after an Oahu chief, Laka, who died there.
6 However, other oral historical sources from native Hawaiians
7 residing on the windward side of Oahu indicate that the sand bar
8 is named as an altar to the ancient goddess of hula, Laka. When
9 the sacred art of hula was banned by western influences, many
10 followers would practice the art of hula surreptitiously in
11 hidden and remote places. The sand bar was deemed to be an
12 excellent locale for this practice since it was remote.
13 Further, the sand was an excellent medium to dance upon.

14 The recent news articles described public concerts on the
15 sand bar attracting hundreds of persons, resulting in drinking,
16 littering, and fights. These reports raise concerns relating to
17 the desecration of a culturally significant place and the
18 degradation of an important aesthetical resource of the State.



A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 88-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Conservation and resources enforcement officer": any
5 regularly employed member of the department of land and natural
6 resources whose principal duty is to enforce conservation laws
7 and protect the State's natural resources."

8 SECTION 2. Section 88-74.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "[+]§88-74.6[+] **Unreduced allowance on service retirement;**
11 **when applicable.** In addition to those positions identified in
12 section 88-74(1), and notwithstanding any law in this part that
13 requires a member to attain age fifty-five to qualify for an
14 unreduced service retirement allowance, if the member has at
15 least [~~thirty~~]:

16 (1) Thirty years of credited service through June 30,
17 2003; twenty-nine years of credited service on or
18 after July 1, 2004; twenty-eight years of credited



1 service on or after July 1, 2005; twenty-seven years
2 of credited service on or after July 1, 2006; twenty-
3 six years of credited service on or after July 1,
4 2007; and twenty-five years of credited service on or
5 after July 1, 2008, as an emergency medical
6 technician[7]; or

7 (2) Twenty-five years of credited service on or after
8 July 1, 2006, as a conservation and resources
9 enforcement officer;

10 of which the last five or more years prior to retirement is
11 credited service in that capacity, then upon retirement and
12 irrespective of age, that member's service retirement allowance
13 shall not be reduced for actuarial purposes."

14 SECTION 3. Section 88-281, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§88-281 Service retirement.** (a) A member who has ten
17 years of credited service and has attained age sixty-two, or a
18 member with thirty years credited service who has attained the
19 age of fifty-five, shall become eligible to receive a retirement
20 allowance after the member has terminated service.

21 (b) If a member has at least twenty-five years of credited
22 service as a sewer worker or as a water safety officer of which



1 the last five or more years prior to retirement is credited in
2 such a capacity, then the sewer worker or water safety officer
3 shall be eligible to receive a retirement benefit unreduced for
4 age after the member has terminated service.

5 (c) A member who has twenty years of credited service and
6 has attained age fifty-five shall be eligible to receive an
7 early retirement allowance reduced for age after the member has
8 terminated service.

9 (d) A member who has ten years of credited service and
10 terminates service prior to attaining age sixty-two shall have a
11 vested right and shall be eligible to receive a retirement
12 allowance when the member has attained age sixty-five.

13 (e) If a member has at least thirty years of credited
14 service through June 30, 2003; twenty-nine years of credited
15 service on or after July 1, 2004; twenty-eight years of credited
16 service on or after July 1, 2005; twenty-seven years of credited
17 service on or after July 1, 2006; twenty-six years of credited
18 service on or after July 1, 2007; and twenty-five years of
19 credited service on or after July 1, 2008, as an emergency
20 medical technician, of which the last five or more years prior
21 to retirement is credited service in that capacity, the
22 emergency medical technician shall be eligible to receive a



1 retirement benefit unreduced for age after the member has
2 terminated service.

3 (f) If a member has at least twenty-five years of credited
4 service on or after July 1, 2006, as a conservation and
5 resources enforcement officer, of which the last five or more
6 years prior to retirement is credited service in that capacity,
7 the member shall be eligible to receive a retirement benefit
8 unreduced for age after the member has terminated service.

9 ~~[+f)]~~ (g) A member may retire upon the written application
10 to the board, specifying the desired date of retirement, which
11 shall be not less than thirty days nor more than one hundred
12 fifty days subsequent to the date of filing. Retirement shall
13 be effective on the first day of a month, except for the month
14 of December when retirement on the first or last day of the
15 month shall be allowed."

16 SECTION 4. Section 88-331, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "[~~+~~]~~§~~88-331[~~+~~] **Service retirement.** (a) A class H member
19 who has five years of credited service and has attained age
20 sixty-two, or a class H member with thirty years credited
21 service who has attained the age of fifty-five shall become



1 eligible to receive a retirement allowance after the member has
2 terminated service.

3 (b) A class H member who has at least twenty-five years of
4 credited service as a sewer worker or water safety officer, of
5 which the last five or more years prior to retirement is
6 credited service in that capacity, shall become eligible to
7 receive a retirement allowance unreduced for age after the
8 member has terminated service.

9 (c) A class H member who has twenty years of credited
10 service and has attained age fifty-five shall be eligible to
11 receive an early retirement allowance reduced for age after the
12 member has terminated service.

13 (d) If a class H member has at least twenty-eight years of
14 credited service on or after July 1, 2005; twenty-seven years of
15 credited service on or after July 1, 2006; twenty-six years of
16 credited service on or after July 1, 2007; and twenty-five years
17 of credited service on or after July 1, 2008, as an emergency
18 medical technician, of which the last five or more years prior
19 to retirement is credited service in that capacity, the member
20 shall be eligible to receive a retirement benefit unreduced for
21 age after the member has terminated service.



1 (e) If a class H member has at least twenty-five years of
 2 credited service on or after July 1, 2006, as a conservation and
 3 resources enforcement officer, of which the last five or more
 4 years prior to retirement is credited service in that capacity,
 5 the member shall be eligible to receive a retirement benefit
 6 unreduced for age after the member has terminated service.

7 [~~e~~] (f) A class H member may retire upon the written
 8 application to the system, specifying the desired date of
 9 retirement, which shall be not less than thirty days nor more
 10 than one hundred fifty days subsequent to the date of filing.
 11 Retirement shall be effective on the first day of a month,
 12 except for the month of December when retirement on the first or
 13 last day of the month shall be allowed."

14 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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SB 2005

Report Title:

Employees' Retirement System; DOCARE Officers

Description:

Allows conservation and resources enforcement officers of the department of land and natural resources to retire without penalty after 25 years of service; provided that they serve in that capacity for at least 5 years immediately prior to retirement.



1 The purpose of this Act is to designate Ahu o Laka as a
2 state monument and to restrict certain activities there.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
4 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
5 designated and to read as follows:

6 "§6E- Ahu o Laka State Monument. (a) There shall be an
7 Ahu o Laka State Monument as a historical, cultural, and
8 aesthetically valued site at Kaneohe, Oahu, to be administered
9 by the department of land and natural resources and to consist
10 of:

11 (1) The approximately three-acre sand bar in Kaneohe bay,
12 off Heeia, that is above the water's surface at low
13 tide; and

14 (2) The surrounding state marine waters, as that term is
15 defined in section 190D-3, that the department of land
16 and natural resources determines is necessary for the
17 preservation of the historical, cultural, and
18 aesthetic resources of the Ahu o Laka State Monument.

19 (b) The following uses or activities are prohibited in the
20 Ahu o Laka State Monument:

21 (1) Commercial activities, including but not limited to
22 commercial filming activities;

1 (2) Use of equipment for the amplification of sound; and

2 (3) Possession of any bottle, can, or other receptacle

3 containing any intoxicating liquor, as defined in

4 section 281-1, that has been opened or had a seal

5 broken or the contents of which have been partially

6 removed.

7 (c) The department of land and natural resources may adopt

8 rules, pursuant to chapter 91, for the protection of Ahu o Laka

9 State Monument, including but not limited to, determining a

10 maximum size vessel, as that term is defined in section 291E-1,

11 or the human carrying capacity that may enter the Ahu o Laka

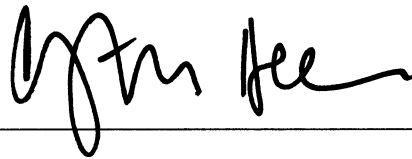
12 State Monument at any given time during a day."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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SB 2004

Report Title:

Historic Preservation; Ahu o Laka

Description:

Establishes Ahu o Laka State Monument; restricts activities at the Ahu o Laka State Monument.



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(B) Minor, blind, or disabled child; or
(C) Sibling who has an equity interest in the home and who was residing in the home for a period of at least one year immediately before the date of the recipient's admission to the medical institution;
is lawfully residing in the home.

(2) The department shall not recover funds from the lien on the recipient's home [~~when~~]:

(A) [~~A~~] When a sibling who was residing in the home for a period of at least one year immediately before the date of the recipient's admission to the medical institution; or

(B) [~~A~~] When a son or daughter who was residing in the recipient's home for a period of at least two years immediately before the date of the recipient's admission to the medical institution, and who establishes to the satisfaction of the State that he or she provided care to the recipient which permitted such recipient to reside at home rather than in an institution;

1 lawfully resides in the home and has lawfully resided
2 in the home on a continuous basis since the date of
3 the recipient's admission to the medical institution.

4 (3) In excess of the recipient's equity interest in the
5 home.

6 [~~(3) The department also shall not recover funds from the~~
7 ~~lien if]~~ (4) If the recipient has a surviving
8 spouse~~[+]~~ or surviving minor, blind, or disabled
9 child.


10 [~~(4)~~]

11 Any lien imposed with respect to this subsection shall be
12 dissolved upon the individual's discharge from the medical
13 institution and return home."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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SB 2003

Report Title:

Human Services

Description:

Limits the Department of Human Services' recovery of funds on a real property lien to the recipient's equity interest in the home.

