

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 551

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1029

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian
Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1029 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEACHES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve lateral access between
beaches by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to give priority to the planning, development, and implementation of a comprehensive statewide trail system between beaches, especially on the Neighbor Islands, and requiring DLNR to report its progress to the 2008 and 2009 Legislatures;
- (2) Amending the definition of "trail" to include trails that connect one beach to another;
- (3) Exempting lateral beach access trails from environmental assessment requirements; and
- (4) Appropriating an unspecified sum for the planning, development, and implementation of a comprehensive statewide trail system between beaches.


The Kuli'ou'ou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2 and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. DLNR provided comments.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1029 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean
Resources & Hawaiian Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



