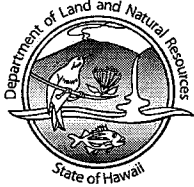


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**Before the Senate Committee on
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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 643, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS**

Senate Bill Number 643, Senate Draft 1 transfers management of Kahana Valley (Valley) to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As the Legislature considers a variety of ideas for Kahana, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is asking that the solution be guided by the original purpose for which the Valley was purchased, as a public park. The Valley was acquired for the benefit and enjoyment of all, and it is important that, as a public park, Kahana should provide a welcoming environment for all who visit. The Valley was purchased to protect it from development, and any solution should limit future development.

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