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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE HAPUNA  
BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area is an  
2 approximately 500-acre area including Hapuna and Wailea beach  
3 parks, picnic and shelter lodging opportunities, hiking along a  
4 coastal trail, and areas of undeveloped land; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area is an  
7 active state park, with approximately 514,300 total users in  
8 2008; and  
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10           WHEREAS, state parks are generally areas defined by  
11 historic significance, cultural resources, or natural resources,  
12 and county parks are generally areas defined by the recreational  
13 benefit to the community; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
16 (DLNR) is facing increased fiscal constraints that have resulted  
17 in deferred maintenance and infrastructure improvements; and  
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19           WHEREAS, with the economic downturn, the State and counties  
20 are interested in finding ways to optimize use of limited  
21 financial resources to cooperatively manage recreation sites  
22 used by the general public; and  
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24           WHEREAS, presently DLNR pays approximately \$700,000 to the  
25 County of Hawaii for lifeguard services at Hapuna Beach, and a  
26 shift of financial responsibilities would allow DLNR to use  
27 these funds for other necessary state services; and  
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29           WHEREAS, a cooperative relationship may also result in less  
30 deferred maintenance, thus preventing major repairs or  
31 replacement in the future; and  
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1 WHEREAS, DLNR and the County of Hawaii have expressed a  
2 mutual interest in transferring the Hapuna Beach State  
3 Recreation Area to the County of Hawaii; and  
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5 WHEREAS, this transfer would allow DLNR to use its limited  
6 resources on other parks, and this transfer may be a model for  
7 other state parks to shift financial and administrative  
8 responsibilities to the counties; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
12 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the County of Hawaii, in  
13 consultation with DLNR, is requested to develop and submit a  
14 management plan for the transfer of title and responsibility for  
15 the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area from DLNR to the County  
16 of Hawaii; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Hawaii is  
19 requested to include in the management plan the financial and  
20 administrative resources the County will provide for the  
21 operation and management of the recreation area and:  
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- 23 (1) The metes and bounds of Hapuna Beach State  
24 Recreational Area;
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26 (2) An identification of any ceded lands in the Hapuna  
27 Beach State Recreation Area, and a plan concerning the  
28 potential need for compliance with section 171-64.7,  
29 Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires legislative  
30 approval for any transfer, and the distribution of  
31 twenty per cent of all funds derived from those lands,  
32 in conformance with section 10-13.5, Hawaii Revised  
33 Statutes;
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35 (3) The proposed uses of the area, including the  
36 undeveloped areas;
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38 (4) The administration and management plan for the  
39 concessions and cabin areas;
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41 (5) A review of any improvements required or anticipated  
42 in the near future; and  
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1 (6) A timeframe for the implementation of the County of  
2 Hawaii's plan; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Hawaii is  
5 requested to complete and submit the management plan prior to  
6 the execution of the transfer from DLNR to the County of Hawaii;  
7 and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Hawaii is  
10 requested to provide the management plan to the Legislature no  
11 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
12 Session of 2011; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
16 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the  
17 Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

