
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO NOT TRANSFER HAPUNA BEACH AND MAUNA KEA
STATE RECREATION AREAS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE
COUNTY OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, places the
2 operations, maintenance, and improvement of state parks within
3 the purview of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
4 which has the ability, resources, and expertise to perform these
5 tasks; and
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7 WHEREAS, although the County of Hawaii has previously
8 indicated its willingness to assume responsibility for the
9 operation, maintenance, and improvement of certain parks on the
10 Island of Hawaii, the County of Hawaii faces difficulties that
11 limit its ability to support additional responsibilities at this
12 time; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Governor and the Mayor of the County of Hawaii
15 have entered into a written agreement authorizing the Governor
16 to transfer the estate, title to, right to, interest in, and any
17 appurtenance of the Hapuna Beach and Mauna Kea State Recreation
18 Areas from the State of Hawaii to the County of Hawaii; and
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20 WHEREAS, residents of and visitors to the State of Hawaii
21 use the public facilities located within Hapuna Beach and Mauna
22 Kea State Recreation Areas, including restrooms, shelters, and
23 picnicking areas, and the return of many of these visitors
24 depends on the quality of their experience at the state
25 recreation areas; and
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27 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1555 was introduced during the
28 2011 Regular Session proposing a new chapter to be added to the
29 Hawaii Revised Statutes that creates a Public Land Development
30 Corporation within the Department of Land and Natural Resources
31 to broaden the Department's mission to enable it to develop and
32 manage revenue-generating recreational and leisure centers
33 throughout the State; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hapuna Beach and Mauna Kea State Recreation Areas
2 have the potential to be sources of revenue generation for the
3 State through the implementation of user fees and public-private
4 partnerships, especially if the proposed Public Land Development
5 Corporation is established; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
9 that the Governor is urged to not transfer Hapuna Beach and
10 Mauna Kea State Recreation Areas from the State of Hawaii to the
11 County of Hawaii; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the County
15 of Hawaii, Chairperson of the Hawaii County Council, and
16 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

