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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR LIFEGUARD SERVICES AT KEKAHA KAI  
STATE PARK.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Kua Bay, also known  
2 as Manini'owali, is part of the Kekaha Kai state park, which is  
3 located along the leeward coast of the island of Hawaii and is  
4 in close proximity to the major population area of Kailua-Kona.  
5 Kua Bay marks the northern end of the state park and features  
6 several hiking trails and a number of lookout points.

7           The legislature further finds that Kua Bay, though a small  
8 beach, can draw large crowds of more than five hundred persons a  
9 day. As a result, the beach has effectively become an  
10 attractive nuisance particularly since the beach has a bathroom  
11 facility, paved road, and a convenient location close to Kailua-  
12 Kona. However, this beach can be very dangerous for  
13 inexperienced surfers and body boarders, especially during the  
14 winter months, when the waves are particularly big and  
15 unpredictable. Numerous neck, spinal, and head injuries have  
16 been reported at Kua Bay. Many of these injuries could have



1 been prevented if there had been a lifeguard on duty at the  
2 beach.

3 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to fund  
4 lifeguard services at Kekaha Kai state park.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for  
8 the operational, personnel, and equipment costs for lifeguard  
9 services at Kekaha Kai state park.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
11 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Makes an appropriation for lifeguard services at Kekaha Kai state park.

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