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Measure Title: RELATING TO HAPUNA BEACH PARK.
Report Title: Hapuna Beach Park; Transfer to County of Hawaii
Description: Transfers in fee simple Hapuna beach park to the county of Hawaii on 1/1/2014.
Companion:
Package: None
Current Referral: WTL/PSM, WAM
Introducer(s): SOLOMON, KAHELE, Dela Cruz, Shimabukuro

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/18/2013	S	Introduced.
1/22/2013	S	Passed First Reading.
1/22/2013	S	Referred to WTL/PSM, WAM.
2/1/2013	S	The committee(s) on WTL/PSM has scheduled a public hearing on 02-05-13 1:45PM in conference room 225.

S = Senate | H = House | D = Data Systems | \$ = Appropriation measure | ConAm = Constitutional Amendment
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**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2013
1:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 457
RELATING TO HAPUNA BEACH PARK**

Senate Bill 457 proposes to transfer Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area from the State of Hawaii (State) to the County of Hawaii (County) in fee simple. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is willing to discuss the issue with the County of Hawaii but does not support this measure.**

During the Regular Session in 2010, the Legislature introduced several measures requesting the Department to pursue transferring this recreation area to the County. The Department testified that it would be willing to discuss the issue with the County. Subsequently, the County approached the Department, discussions occurred, and work was done to develop agreements to effectuate such a transfer. In 2011, the Legislature introduced a measure requesting that such a transfer not take place. Accordingly, the Department did not pursue the issue any further.

The Department has concerns with this measure including the requirement to transfer all State appropriations used for maintenance, operations, repair, construction, or other uses in Hapuna to the County. The lifeguard services (provided by the County and funded by the State) are paid out of the State Parks Special Fund. Hapuna does not currently generate significant revenue, so this provision would result in funds generated in State Parks statewide being transferred to the County of Hawaii. The measure is silent on the disposition of personnel. This needs to be addressed as, if all funds are transferred to the County and personnel remain with the State, the Department will be unable to make payroll.

In the last ten years, the Department has made significant improvements to the park, investing \$3.8 million to remake the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) barriers, improve sewer and water systems, repair picnic shelters and restrooms, and is in the process of repairing the parking

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areas and park roads. In addition, the Department has executed a pilot parking management agreement which will generate approximately \$200,000 annually to help improve the maintenance of this park.