
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Sand Island state recreation area is
2 located makai of Honolulu's harbor and dense urban core and
3 represents one of the last remaining public recreational venues
4 in an otherwise hardened and inaccessible shoreline. This one
5 hundred forty-acre park has a 2.75 mile shoreline with access to
6 safe ocean water and channels, comfort stations, picnic
7 shelters, and boat-launching features. While approximately one
8 hundred acres of the park are developed and managed for day use
9 and camping, approximately forty acres are open land with trails
10 and tracks created for authorized and temporary off-highway
11 vehicle use. This area is adjacent to a shoreline that is well-
12 suited for canoe paddling and a variety of other passive ocean
13 uses.

14 The department of land and natural resources, through the
15 divisions of state parks and boating and ocean recreation,
16 manages this land area and adjacent water for a variety of
17 passive land and ocean recreational activities including
18 picnicking, camping, running, fishing, swimming, surfing,



1 baseball, off-highway vehicle use, canoe paddling, and boating.
2 Since 1973, when a plan was first adopted for the area, there
3 have been a variety of alternative and competing proposals for
4 this largely-undeveloped parcel. However, inadequate
5 operational funds, a harsh physical climate, and an oftentimes
6 damaging social environment have contributed to decay of the
7 area and have caused the need for frequent repairs to its
8 infrastructure.

9 The legislature finds that it is imperative to preserve the
10 rare pockets of urban recreational spaces, including the Sand
11 Island state recreation area, that serve Oahu's growing
12 population and to enhance those areas with fundamentally safe
13 and managed access and infrastructure. Growing awareness of the
14 imminent, obvious impact that climate change will have on Hawaii
15 as an ocean state also makes it imperative that plans for public
16 shoreline use incorporate plans for future adaption to rising
17 sea levels.

18 Therefore, the legislature finds that an investment is
19 warranted in sustainable and fundamental infrastructure such as
20 roadway access, parking facilities, utilities, showers, and
21 comfort stations to establish the basic requirements for
22 ensuring that passive ocean recreation in the remaining



1 undeveloped portion of the Sand Island state recreation area
2 remains available.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
6 planning for infrastructure for the passive recreation area of
7 the Sand Island state recreation area.

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

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Sand Island State Recreation Area; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the DLNR for infrastructure at the Sand Island State Recreation Area. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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