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S.B. NO. 1372

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF RESOURCE VALUE LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Lipoa Point-Honolua
2 is one of the most iconic landmarks in Hawaii. Honolua is rich
3 in marine resources and historical and archaeological sites, and
4 is one of the most popular recreational areas for locals and
5 tourists alike, offering some of the best snorkeling and surfing
6 conditions on the island of Maui. Nationally recognized as a
7 marine preserve, it has attracted federal funding and programs
8 for having some of the highest fish assemblage characteristics
9 of all the Hawaiian islands. Additionally, Honolua is
10 considered to have one of the most diverse, unique, and abundant
11 reef formations, providing habitat for rare coral species.

12 Historically, not only is Honolua Bay significant for
13 Hawaiian canoe voyaging as being the departure point for the
14 Hōkūle‘a maiden voyage in 1976, it is also the site of several
15 archaeological finds that were identified by Bishop Museum staff
16 in 1974, including two heiau, boulders with grinding surfaces,
17 house platforms, burial mounds, and agriculture terraces.



1 The legislature further finds that due to its iconic
2 reputation, Honolulu Bay has drawn countless visitors to Hawaii,
3 which helps generate revenue by bolstering the State's important
4 tourist industry. Honolulu is known worldwide as a premier
5 winter session, big wave surf spot, a sector of the surfing
6 industry that is currently eclipsing the ASP world tour.

7 The legislature finds, however, that recent contemplation
8 of zoning changes to the area have jeopardized the pension
9 benefits for numerous retirees, as the parcel was pledged
10 against a pension fund established by the retirees' former
11 employer in order to make sure that kupuna would continue to
12 receive the benefits that they worked for. If this pension fund
13 should fail, many of the pensioners would have to turn to state
14 services and programs, thereby straining the social safety net,
15 especially in an area where resources are scarce to begin with.

16 The legislature finds that acquiring this land for
17 preservation would help protect the area's pristine condition
18 while providing funds to ensure the adequate capitalization of
19 the pension fund. The legislature also finds that the owners of
20 the land have pledged that any revenues derived from the sale of
21 this parcel would be pledged completely against the pension

1 fund, thereby alleviating concerns of the social safety net
2 being stretched even further.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate general
4 obligation bonds for the department of land and natural
5 resources, in consultation with Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, to
6 engage in efforts to acquire the parcel of land located at Lipoa
7 Point.

8 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding approval by the board of land
9 and natural resources pursuant to section 173A-5(i), Hawaii
10 Revised Statutes, the department of land and natural resources,
11 in consultation with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, shall
12 engage in efforts to acquire the parcel of land located at Lipoa
13 Point, identified as TMK 2-4-1-001-010-0000.

14 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
15 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
17 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2013-2014
18 for the acquisition of the parcel of land located at Lipoa
19 Point, identified as TMK 2-4-1-001-010-0000.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

DLNR; Lipoa Point; Land Acquisition; Appropriation

Description:

Requires DLNR, in consultation with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust and notwithstanding board approval, to engage in efforts to acquire the parcel of land located at Lipoa Point, identified as TMK 2-4-1-001-010-0000. Makes an appropriation.

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