
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 Hōkūleʻa 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, Honolua Bay has drawn countless visitors to Hawaii,
3 which helps generate revenue by bolstering the State's important
4 tourist industry. Honolua 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 The department of land and natural resources shall invite
15 the participation of the appropriate government agencies and
16 nonprofit organizations to achieve the acquisition and
17 protection of this land through collaborative partnerships.

18 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
19 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
21 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2013-2014



1 for the acquisition of the parcel of land located at Lipoa
2 Point, identified as TMK 2-4-1-001-010-0000.

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

5 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital
6 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
7 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
8 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
9 unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of that date.

10 SECTION 5. 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. Requires DLNR to invite participation of appropriate government agencies and nonprofit organizations to acquire Lipoa Point. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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