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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, despite efforts to
2 de-list the Hawaiian green sea turtle from endangered species
3 classification due to population increase, their numbers still
4 fall far short of historic levels. Stanford University studies
5 have deemed these efforts to de-list as premature, stating that
6 although the number of Hawaiian green sea turtles has increased
7 since 1978, the year the species was first listed under the
8 United States Endangered Species Act, the population may still
9 be only a fraction of historic levels.

10 The legislature further finds that beach-front
11 construction, land reclamation, and increased tourism are
12 examples of actions that continue to negatively impact Hawaiian
13 green sea turtle populations. One negatively impacted area is
14 Laniakea beach on the north shore of Oahu. Laniakea beach, with
15 its prime foraging and basking habitat, provides a safe haven
16 for Hawaii's green sea turtle which can often be found lying out
17 on the narrow sand strip for hours at a time. However, the
18 unique recreational and wildlife viewing opportunities at



1 Laniakea beach have resulted in exponential increases in the
2 popularity of Laniakea beach as a tourism site over the past
3 decade, which highlights the need for increased conservation
4 efforts.

5 The legislature further finds that the community would be
6 best served by the construction of a wayside park that would
7 provide a long-term solution to address the growing impact of
8 human activities on the Hawaiian green sea turtle. A wayside
9 park would enable the department of land and natural resources
10 to establish a base for immediate response in emergency
11 situations involving the Hawaiian green sea turtle; serve as an
12 educational hub to promote responsible tourism practices; and
13 enable better access to recreation, including surfing, fishing,
14 swimming, snorkeling, wildlife viewing, and beach walking.

15 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
16 general obligation bonds for the planning and construction of a
17 Laniakea wayside park to protect the Hawaiian green sea turtle
18 and to require the department of land and natural resources to
19 take certain measures accordingly.

20 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
21 shall:



- 1 (1) Seek to acquire private or county land that when
- 2 combined with state land would be sufficient to create
- 3 a Laniakea state wayside park; and
- 4 (2) In conjunction with the United States Fish and
- 5 Wildlife Service and United States National Marine
- 6 Fisheries Service, establish a state-protected area
- 7 for the Hawaiian green sea turtle to protect the
- 8 turtles and their habitat from encroachment,
- 9 harassment, or harm.

10 SECTION 3. The department of transportation shall make

11 plans to realign Kamehameha highway mauka of the planned

12 Laniakea wayside park; provided that the realignment, if

13 necessary, shall be resilient and adaptive to rising sea levels

14 and coastal erosion as a result of climate change.

15 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue

16 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much

17 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof

18 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2014-2015

19 for the purpose of planning for and construction of a Laniakea

20 state wayside park, including:

- 21 (1) Access pathways;
- 22 (2) Parking for vehicles, bicycles, and shuttles;



- 1 (3) Comfort stations;
- 2 (4) Landscaping with native plants and foliage;
- 3 (5) Erosion control;
- 4 (6) Lifeguard station;
- 5 (7) Underground utilities;
- 6 (8) Interpretive signage; and
- 7 (9) Remote security.

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

10 SECTION 5. The appropriation made for the capital
11 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
12 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
13 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
14 unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of that date.

15 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for planning for and construction of the Laniakea wayside park on the north shore of Oahu.

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