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**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1885, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

House Bill 1885, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 proposes to appropriate general revenues to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), Division of State Parks, for planning for infrastructure for the passive recreation area of Sand Island State Recreation Area (SISRA), Oahu. **The Department supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget request.**

House Bill 1885, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 appears to be responding to an issue that came up when the Department, during the 2012 Legislative Session, requested \$11.5 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for a Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and design and construction for infrastructure related to a proposed marina complex in a portion of SISRA. This CIP proposal was intended to establish a Sand Island Ocean Recreation Park that would be administered by the Department's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR). This portion of SISRA also has a DOBOR-managed boat ramp, trailer parking, rinsing facilities, and comfort station. While the CIP request was not granted, the marina concept generated concern amongst several of the canoe clubs that are utilizing SISRA for canoe storage and training.

This measure focuses on planning for infrastructure such as roadway access, parking facilities, utilities, showers, and comfort stations to establish basic requirements to ensure that passive ocean recreation in the remaining undeveloped portion of SISRA remains available.

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