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and
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In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2391
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS

Senate Bill 2391 proposes to address the issue of user conflicts that have grown as Hawaii's population and tourist base has grown. It specifically addresses those areas where user conflicts are compounded by multiple agency jurisdictions which can make reaching solutions difficult. The bill provides funding to establish four working groups, one in each county, to develop a pilot project to address user conflicts in an area with multiple agency jurisdictions. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of this measure and offers the following comment.**

Given the complexity and variation among the different counties, the Department recommends that the bill be amended to narrow the two-year pilot project to one county, Oahu, and allow the Department to work on developing the process to resolve user conflicts.

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