

# SB2669

**Measure Title:** RELATING TO MAUNA KEA STATE RECREATIONAL AREA.

**Report Title:** Mauna Kea State Recreational Area; DLNR; Lease; County of Hawaii

**Description:** Requires DLNR to enter into negotiations with the county of Hawaii for the lease of Mauna Kea state recreational area to the county. Requires DLNR to report to the legislature a lease agreement, or progress made if no agreement has been reached by 01/01/2015.

**Companion:**

**Package:** None

**Current Referral:** WTL/PSM/HWN, WAM

**Introducer(s):** SOLOMON, KAHELE, Dela Cruz, Galuteria, Taniguchi

<u>Sort by Date</u>		<b>Status Text</b>
1/17/2014	S	Introduced.
1/21/2014	S	Passed First Reading.
1/21/2014	S	Referred to WTL/PSM/HWN, WAM.
1/29/2014	S	The committee(s) on WTL/PSM/HWN has scheduled a public hearing on 02-03-14 1:15PM in conference room 225.

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**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
WATER AND LAND,  
and  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,  
and  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, February 3, 2014  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2669  
RELATING TO MAUNA KEA STATE RECREATIONAL AREA**

Senate Bill 2669 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to enter into negotiations with the County of Hawaii for the lease of Mauna Kea state recreation area to the county. **The Department understands the Legislative interest in this issue, but feels this measure is not necessary as we are in active discussions with Hawaii County (County) to transfer management of Mauna Kea State Recreation Area (SRA).**

An initial meeting was held with the County on October 24, 2013 to discuss management of Mauna Kea SRA among other issues.

On December 12, 2013, staff members from the County Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Water, Corporation Counsel, and the Mayor's Office met with the staff of the Division of State Parks. It was clarified then that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was the appropriate instrument to implement an initial period whereby the County would take over the management and operation of facilities at Mauna Kea SRA. Discussion included the water system that services Mauna Kea SRA, which is an integral part of operating the facility. As part of current management, the State has a water lease agreement with the United States Army (Army) and its Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) which collaborates with the State on maintenance of the water system. The State plans to begin water system improvements including pumping and treatment improvements, and a booster pump for the comfort station.

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On January 16, 2014, staff members from the County and the Division of State Parks met for an on-site visit of Mauna Kea SRA. The participants toured the facilities and discussed the water system, its operation and challenges, and the involvement of the Army and PTA; other Department facilities adjacent to the area; and components of the SRA including cabins, barrack cabins, a dining hall, water storage tanks, comfort stations, and overall park areas.

On February 6, 2014 another meeting is scheduled with County and State participants for a line-by-line review of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Accordingly, the Department feels this measure is not necessary.



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**RELATING TO MAUNA KEA STATE RECREATIONAL AREA**

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 3, 2014

1:15 p.m.

Room 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) provides the following **COMMENTS** on SB2669, which requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to enter into negotiations with the County of Hawai'i for the lease of the Mauna Kea state recreational area to the county.

OHA appreciates the language in Section 1 stating that the Legislature intends revenues from the Mauna Kea state recreational area to be deemed part of the pro rata portion of public land trust revenues transmitted to OHA. Because Mauna Kea state recreational area falls within the public land trust established by Admission Act section 5(f), we request that this intent be specifically addressed in Section 4 "Conditions of lease."

Accordingly, we ask that the following provision be added to Section 4, paragraph (4):

The gross revenues derived by the county shall be subject to Act 178, session laws of Hawaii 2006, or any other law providing for the office of Hawaiian affairs' pro rata portion of the public land trust, pursuant to article XII, section 6, of Hawaii's constitution.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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RELATING TO Mauna Kea State Park

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 3, 2014, 1:15PM, ROOM 225

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*The Hawaii Sportsmen Alliance strives for balanced conservation and wise use of all  
our natural resources.*

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The Hawaii Sportsmen Alliance will support SB2669. Mauna Kea State Park was once a treasure of our residents and visitors. Let it once again become a place of beauty, pride and joy that so many of us once remembered.

Please join us in support of SB2669.

Mahalo,

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Submitted on: 2/2/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Bueltmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB2669 I would like the County of Hawaii to maintain and make improvements to this facility. Mahalo Paul Bueltmann

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Ryan Kohatsu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support with comments. Hawaii county parks and recreation should likely get management of the park. The park is also used for local archery tournaments and that should be kept available for the public. There should never be any restrictions on public access on the park like fences any larger than 10-20 linear feet or so. There are a few fences constructed on the park for tree planting. These fences should not take significant area out of public access.

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Tony Sylvester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB2669. Mauna Kea state park is one of only a couple of facilities on the Big Island that families can stay at on our beautiful Mauna Kea. Hopefully an agreement can be made to continue the use and upkeep of one of our treasured parks for future generations of both kama'aina and visitors of our state.

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