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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KAENA POINT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Kaena point state  
2 park and Kaena point natural area reserve are a spectacular  
3 protected coastal area with rich cultural, natural, historic,  
4 and recreational resources, including rare and endangered  
5 species. Every year, a significant number of visitors and  
6 residents use and enjoy the areas for hiking, fishing, camping,  
7 family outings, beachgoing, recreation, scientific study, and  
8 educational excursions.

9           The legislature further finds that due to the very remote  
10 location of Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area  
11 reserve, the department of land and natural resources is unable  
12 to provide adequate staffing to ensure the safety of users and  
13 to ensure that users of the park and reserve respect and protect  
14 the precious natural resources of the area. Although most users  
15 are appreciative and respectful, the recreational resources of  
16 these areas are highly vulnerable to abuse, uninformed visitors,  
17 and significant impacts from overuse. The legislature also



1 finds that the visible presence of enforcement officers and on-  
2 site educational staff, such as an ambassador or steward, to  
3 patrol and educate visitors would protect the safety of the  
4 users and the integrity of the resources.

5 The purpose of this Act is to permanently increase and  
6 strengthen the presence of enforcement officers and on-site  
7 educational staff as well as remote monitoring for Kaena point  
8 state park and Kaena point natural area reserve.

9 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources is  
10 authorized to establish a system of graduated user fees for  
11 persons visiting Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural  
12 area reserve. Visitor fees shall be used for the long-term  
13 costs of additional enforcement officers and on-site education  
14 staff. Fees shall not be imposed on persons who are exercising  
15 their constitutionally protected traditional and customary  
16 gathering and access rights.

17 The department of land and natural resources is authorized  
18 to establish a system that requires all persons using Kaena  
19 point state park and Kaena point natural area reserve to log in  
20 with proper identification and receive educational information



1 about the protected resources of the area before entering the  
2 park or reserve.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for  
6 additional enforcement officers and on-site educational staff  
7 for Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area reserve  
8 to provide full-time, around the clock coverage by an officer or  
9 educational ambassador, and to support a system of remote  
10 monitoring to document usage in areas that prevent human  
11 coverage; provided that the sum appropriated shall be in  
12 addition to the base budget of the department of land and  
13 natural resources.

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

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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# H.B. NO. 2754

**Report Title:**

Kaena Point State Park; Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for additional enforcement officers and on-site educational staff for Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area reserve to provide full-time coverage and monitoring.

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