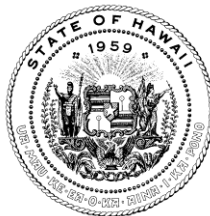


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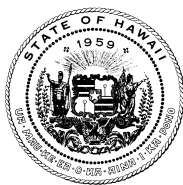
**Friday, February 23, 2018
10: 00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2911, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE**

Senate Bill 2911, Senate Draft 1 proposes to appropriate out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to conduct a phase I environmental site assessment, and, if necessary, a phase II environmental site assessment and suitable environmental remediation at the former Lalamilo Reservoir site on the Island of Hawaii as due diligence for a proposed land exchange for relocation of a public library. **The Department supports this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.**

The Department notes that the Senate Draft 1 incorporates the language suggested by the Department to complete the description of due diligence for the subject land exchange.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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S.B. 2911, S.D.1 – Relating to Environmental Due Diligence

To: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **strongly supports** S.B. 2911, S.D.1, which makes an appropriation for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to conduct an environmental assessment and suitable remediation, as necessary, at the former Lalamilo reservoir site on the island of Hawaii.

The appropriation set forth in S.B. 2911, S.D.1, is needed to conduct required due diligence work in order for the State to move forward with a proposed land exchange in the Waimea area of the island of Hawaii. In exchange for the former Lalamilo reservoir site, the State would receive a parcel of land that would be used to eventually replace the current Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library (Library). The current Library site is co-located on the Waimea Elementary School campus, causing safety concerns for both the school and the Library, as well as issues relating to access to both campuses due to insufficient parking. HSPLS appreciates DLNR's support in identifying property for the Library's future needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.