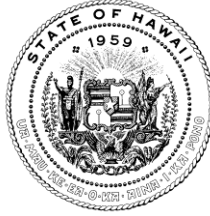


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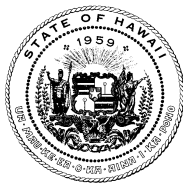
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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2911, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE**

Senate Bill 2911, Senate Draft 2 proposes an appropriation in an unspecified amount, with an effective date of July 1, 2050, 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, including all common transaction costs, and other necessary transaction fees for a land exchange to relocate the Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library located at the Waimea Elementary school campus, in Waimea, on the island of Hawaii to a new Waimea, Hawaii land parcel, in exchange for the former Lalamilo Reservoir site in Waimea, Hawaii. **The Department supports this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request and that the \$500,000 general fund appropriation be reinserted along with a July 1, 2018 effective date.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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S.B. 2911, S.D.2 – Relating to Environmental Due Diligence

To: Chair Ryan Yamane, Vice-Chair Chris Todd and Members of the Committee on Water & Land

Chair Chris Lee, Vice-Chair Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **strongly supports** S.B. 2911, S.D.2, which makes an unspecified 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.

As 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.