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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PARKS.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The state parks division of the department  
2 of land and natural resources shall conduct a feasibility study  
3 on the employment of residential caretakers at high-use hiking  
4 trails to assist hikers and reduce the need for rescues of  
5 hikers.

6           (b) The feasibility study shall:

7           (1) Include an analysis of potential benefits to the State  
8 from employing residential caretakers at high-use  
9 trail locations, including whether incidents that lead  
10 to the need for rescues of hikers would likely be  
11 prevented by residential caretakers;

12           (2) Provide cost projections for housing, compensation,  
13 and benefits for residential caretakers;

14           (3) Determine areas where placement of residential  
15 caretakers would be the most effective in reducing the  
16 need for hiker rescues; and



1 (4) Take into consideration the National Park Service's  
2 model for a resident workforce.

3 (c) The state parks division of the department of land and  
4 natural resources shall submit a report of its findings and  
5 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
6 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
7 the regular session of 2020.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the  
11 state parks division of the department of land and natural  
12 resources to conduct the feasibility study of a state parks  
13 residential caretakers program.

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.  
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# H.B. NO. 830

**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; State Parks Division;  
Study; Residential Caretakers; Hikers

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Parks Division to conduct a feasibility study of employing residential caretakers at high-use trails to assist hikers and reduce the need for hiker rescues.

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