

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3223

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 16 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2016
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2016, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to prepare a master plan for the Sand Island State Recreation Area.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Pillars LLC, Mountain View Community Church, Slapp Radio, and forty-three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that providing outdoor recreational opportunities, safe and well-maintained park infrastructure and facilities, and the protection of cultural and historic resources is paramount to the well-being of Hawaii's people. The previous Sand Island State Recreation Area plan was completed in 1973 but was never fully implemented, as the focus was on comprehensive development of shoreline pathways and passive recreational sites



to support water sports. Since 1973, the Sand Island State Recreation Area has developed into a diverse use park unit, providing opportunities for day use, camping, fishing, surfing, softball play, canoe paddling, non-motorized BMX bicycle use with additional areas of open grass fields that can accommodate a variety of passive recreation and general open space for picnic and family gatherings.

However, the Sand Island State Recreation Area is in a deleterious condition with aging infrastructure, irrigation deficiencies, and is currently undergoing a new sewer line repair. Additionally, other challenges include a constant homeless population, invasive kiawe in the undeveloped area, an entrenched feral cat population, and shoreline impacts from climate change and sea level rise. Recent King Tides are also eroding the shoreline, which includes remnants of wartime materials and objects. As the Sand Island Recreation Area was originally envisioned to be a "People's Park", an updated master plan may address the weathered and antiquated facilities, create increased outdoor recreation opportunities, plans for underutilized spaces, and provide new methods for adaptive management and resilience to impacts from climate change and sea level rise.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2022; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2016, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2016, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



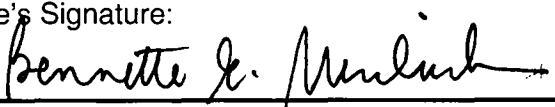
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2016, HD1	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 3/14/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				✓
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes