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\$3.2 MILLION IN STATE CIP FUNDS RELEASED FOR HĀPUNA BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA

Appropriation will fund water system improvements at Hāpuna, part of \$4.5 Million in State Parks improvements statewide

Honolulu, Hawaiʻi – Governor David Ige released \$3.2 million of State Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) funds this week for water system improvements at Hāpuna Beach State Recreation Area. The funds will be used for plans, design, and construction for the replacement of the potable and irrigation water systems servicing one of Hawaiʻi's best-loved State Parks.

The allocation for Hāpuna Beach State Recreation Area is included in a total of \$4.5 million of State CIP funds which Governor Ige released on April 25 to fund improvements at State Parks around the state.

These funds were appropriated by the Legislature during the 2021 Legislative Session. The water system improvements at Hāpuna will begin this year with consultant selection, design, and permitting, before proceeding with construction.

Representative David A. Tarnas, who represents the district which includes Hāpuna Beach State Recreation Area, said, "Hāpuna is the most popular beach park in Hawai'i County. Families from all over the island come to enjoy the beautiful beach and ocean. This appropriation will go a long way to repair and upgrade the potable and irrigation water system at the park, which has been constantly breaking and being repaired by the park's hard-working staff. With these upgrades, park users will finally have showers and bathrooms that will consistently work, and an irrigation system that will keep the park's landscaping beautiful. Hapuna is a treasure for our community, island, and State. Mahalo to the legislature, the Governor, and the Division of State Parks for supporting this project."