

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1549

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1549 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,"

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 for operating costs and personnel to manage certain trailheads as part of the Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Sierra Club Hawaii Island Group, and fifteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that visitors are attracted to Hawaii because of the State's natural beauty, natural resources, cultural resources, and historical sites. However, many of these sites are overwhelmed by the sheer number of visitors and residents who flock to these sites during their stay in Hawaii. Your Committee finds that with the dramatic increase in trail use, intensified by residents who escaped to the outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic and visitors exposed to the trails via social media influences, additional resources are needed. Your Committee finds that the lack of staffing to address these hotspots leads to residents complaining about blocked driveways, illegal parking on state and



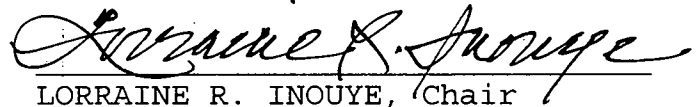
county roadways, lack of restroom facilities, constant noise, lack of on-street parking for residential use, use of residential water hoses to clean up, and use of residential yards to gather and unwind from the day's activities. Therefore, this measure appropriates funds to help remedy these issues.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting blank appropriation amounts; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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 S.B. No. 1549, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1549, 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. INOUYE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1549</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02/15/2023</b>		
<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)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>ϕ</b>	<b>ϕ</b>	<b>ϕ</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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