

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2025

RE: S.B. No. 439
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 439 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules to impose user fees that apply solely to nonresidents visiting state parks and trails selected by the Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Kua`aina Ulu `Auamo (KUA), Resources Legacy Fund, Care for `Aina Now Coalition, Coalition Earth, and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

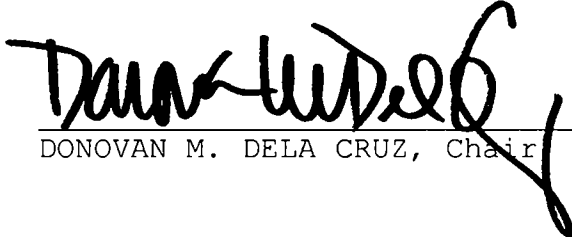
Your Committee finds that the fees anticipated by this measure will assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources in defraying the cost of maintaining state parks and trails without imposing an undue burden on state residents.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 439, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 439, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

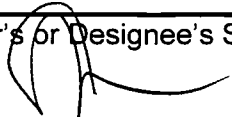
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB439</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-18-2025</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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