

## ACT 69

S.B. NO. 878

A Bill for an Act Relating to a Statewide Trail and Access System.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to provide for the conceptual planning, coordination, development, land acquisition, construction and implementation for a statewide trail and access system, to be known as the Na Ala Hele (Walking Trails) Project, whereby such a system would (a) supply a wide range of recreational needs for major user groups, including fishermen, snorkelers, hikers, children, campers, photographers, environmentalists, explorers and historians; (b) provide a showcase of Hawaii's unique natural and cultural treasures for environmental education and for the appreciation of nature and history by both residents and visitors; (c) help to develop the economic potential of a region by a method compatible with maintenance of natural and cultural resource values; and (d) provide for a healthy, non-vehicular mode of transportation which would open up trails along stream systems and urban trails for children going to school.

SECTION 2. There shall be a statewide trail and access system. The initial planning, coordination, and development of the statewide system shall include:

- (1) Design of an administrative structure.
- (2) Statewide inventory of all trails.
- (3) Development of criteria for the designation of state trails and designation of the appropriate implementing agencies for the different classes of trails.
- (4) Establishment of procedures for assuring the trail rights-of-way.
- (5) Drafting of a model legislation necessary for the implementing of a statewide trail and access system.

SECTION 3. Funds appropriated for the purposes of the statewide trail and access system shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources. The department shall consult with the department of planning and economic development, and other state, county, and federal agencies affected by the statewide trail and access system in expending funds for the purposes of the system.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

(Approved May 29, 1974.)