
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KAENA POINT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Kaena point state
2 park and Kaena point natural area reserve are a spectacular
3 protected coastal area with rich cultural, natural, historic,
4 and recreational resources, including rare and endangered
5 species. Every year, a significant number of visitors and
6 residents use and enjoy the areas for hiking, fishing, camping,
7 family outings, beachgoing, recreation, scientific study, and
8 educational excursions.

9 The legislature further finds that due to the very remote
10 location of Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area
11 reserve, the department of land and natural resources is unable
12 to provide adequate staffing to ensure the safety of users and
13 to ensure that users of the park and reserve respect and protect
14 the precious natural resources of the area. Although most users
15 are appreciative and respectful, the recreational resources of
16 these areas are highly vulnerable to abuse, uninformed visitors,
17 and significant impacts from overuse. The legislature also
18 finds that the visible presence of enforcement officers and on-



1 site educational staff, such as an ambassador or steward, to
2 patrol and educate visitors would protect the safety of the
3 users and the integrity of the resources.

4 The purpose of this Act is to permanently increase and
5 strengthen the presence of enforcement officers and on-site
6 educational staff as well as remote monitoring for Kaena point
7 state park and Kaena point natural area reserve.

8 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources is
9 authorized to establish a system that requires all persons using
10 Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area reserve to
11 log in with proper identification and receive educational
12 information about the protected resources of the area before
13 entering the park or reserve.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$696,104 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
17 additional enforcement officers and on-site educational staff
18 for Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area reserve
19 to support a system of remote monitoring to document usage in
20 areas that prevent human coverage; provided that the sum
21 appropriated shall be in addition to the base budget of the



1 department of land and natural resources; provided further that
2 the sum shall be allocated as follows:

- 3 (1) \$50,000 for a division of state parks interpretive
4 technician; and
- 5 (2) \$646,104 for five additional division of conservation
6 and resources enforcement officers, ancillary
7 equipment, and vehicle needs.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Kaena Point State Park; Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve;
Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the department of land and natural resources to establish a system that requires users of Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area reserve to log in and receive educational information about protected resources of the area. Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for additional enforcement officers and on-site educational staff for Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area reserve to provide monitoring. (SD1)

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