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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAIL ACCESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State owns and
2 manages a system of trails around Maunawili falls and Olomana.
3 The existing trailheads located on these state lands have
4 limited parking capacity and are located many miles away from
5 the mountain and falls. The main trailhead used by thousands of
6 hikers is located on private land adjacent to a residential
7 subdivision. The private landowner is required to provide
8 public access on landowner's land through a city and county of
9 Honolulu conditional use permit. Over the past decade, as the
10 hikes have gained immense popularity and public awareness via
11 social media, the number of hikers parking in the residential
12 neighborhood has increased dramatically, often blocking
13 driveways, trespassing on resident lawns, and leaving trash in
14 the neighborhood. Many hikers enter the area without knowledge
15 of local conditions and frequently call emergency services for
16 rescues due to injuries, getting lost, or hiking in the dark.



1 The legislature further finds that in 2014, the State
2 funded a study that developed a final planning report on the
3 Maunawili Falls trail for the department of land and natural
4 resources. The report identifies several alternatives to
5 alleviate the residential community's nuisance issues caused by
6 hikers. The report's executive summary states that the
7 recommended alternative that best resolve community concerns is
8 to construct a remote eighty-five stall parking lot and comfort
9 station in the historic area known as Queen's Retreat.
10 Cooperation between the public and private sectors can resolve
11 funding issues and successfully deliver services and facilities
12 for the economic, environmental, and social benefit of the
13 people of Hawaii. Thus, the purpose of this Act is to establish
14 a public-private partnership for the management and operation of
15 parking access to the Maunawili trail system.

16 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
17 shall seek to establish a public-private partnership with
18 private land owners to develop, manage, and operate a parking
19 lot and trailhead on private lands to provide access to the
20 Maunawili trail system. In identifying the location for the
21 parking lot and trailhead, the department of land and natural



1 resources shall consider the recommended alternatives identified
2 in the "DOFAW Maunawili Falls Trail, Final Planning Report"
3 prepared in April 2014 for the department of land and natural
4 resources. Parking management shall set hours of operation with
5 the intent of reducing or eliminating nighttime hiking; provided
6 that access shall remain open to the general public on a first
7 come first served basis beginning no earlier than thirty minutes
8 prior to sunrise and no later than thirty minutes before sunset.
9 The parking operator may charge a reasonable fee for parking to
10 support operational costs.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
14 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
15 year 2018-2019 for establishing a public-private partnership for
16 the management and operation of a parking lot and trailhead to
17 provide access to the Maunawili trail system.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
19 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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S.B. NO. 705

Report Title:

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Public-private Partnership; Maunawili Trail System; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of land and natural resources to seek to establish a public-private partnership for the management and operation of a parking lot and trailhead to provide access to the Maunawili trail system. Makes an appropriation.

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