

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1068  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1068 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAILS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide funds for improvements to Na Ala Hele, the Hawaii statewide trail program, and hiker safety and etiquette education and outreach.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana, Maunawili Estates Community Association, PATH, Tulipa Hawaiian Civic Club Association of Cultural Practitioners, Solemates Hawaii, Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club, and thirty-six individuals.

Your Committee finds that Na Ala Hele, the Hawaii statewide trail program maintained by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, includes one hundred twenty-eight trail and road features spanning approximately eight hundred fifty-five miles. Trails include parking areas, comfort stations, pavilions, picnic areas, and other facilities that are regularly used by the public. Hiking continues to increase in popularity among visitors and residents,



leading to greater wear on trails and facilities. Additionally, your Committee finds that many hikers lack proper education as to hiking safety and etiquette, which has resulted in litter, loud noises, and illegal parking in neighborhoods where trail heads are located, as well as increases in mountain rescues. Therefore, your Committee finds it necessary to appropriate funds to improve access to and maintain state controlled recreational trails statewide and promote hiker safety and hiker etiquette education and outreach.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to require the public awareness campaign to include education and outreach regarding accurate Native Hawaiian culture, history, and traditional and customary practices connected to Hawaii's trails;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1068, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1068, 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,




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KAIAMA'I KAELE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1068</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/1/2019</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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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