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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that unregulated visitor
2 traffic and pedestrians haphazardly crossing Kamehameha highway
3 are a serious safety concern for both residents and visitors.
4 Further, the unique recreational and wildlife viewing
5 opportunities at Laniakea beach have resulted in exponential
6 increases in the popularity of Laniakea beach as a visitor
7 destination over the past two decades. However, the beach's
8 popularity has led to extensive traffic during nearly all
9 weekends and on most weekdays, and the high number of visitors
10 creates havoc for green sea turtles and monk seals resting on
11 the shore. Accordingly, the legislature believes that it is
12 necessary to develop solutions to increase the quality of life
13 for residents and visitors and balance the provision of public
14 access to the beach and protection of threatened wildlife.

15 The legislature further finds that the community would be
16 best served by construction of a wayside park similar to Nuuanu
17 Pali, Laie Point, and Makapuu, that would provide a long-term



1 comprehensive solution to protecting the natural resources and
2 aesthetics of the area surrounding Laniakea beach. A wayside
3 park would enable the department of land and natural resources
4 to establish a base for immediate response in emergency
5 situations involving the Hawaiian green sea turtle; serve as an
6 educational hub to promote responsible tourism practices; and
7 enable better access to recreation, including surfing, fishing,
8 swimming, snorkeling, wildlife viewing, and beach walking.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to protect the
10 Hawaiian green sea turtle by requiring the department of land
11 and natural resources and department of transportation to take
12 certain actions necessary to create a Laniakea state wayside
13 park and authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds
14 for the planning and construction of the wayside park.

15 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
16 shall:

- 17 (1) Seek to acquire private or county land that, when
18 combined with state land, will be sufficient to create
19 a Laniakea state wayside park; and
- 20 (2) In conjunction with the United States Fish and
21 Wildlife Service and United States National Marine



1 Fisheries Service, establish a state-protected area
2 for the Hawaiian green sea turtle to protect the
3 turtles and their habitat from encroachment,
4 harassment, and harm.

5 SECTION 3. The department of transportation shall make
6 plans to realign Kamehameha highway mauka of the planned
7 Laniakea wayside park; provided that the realignment, if
8 necessary, shall be resilient and adaptive to rising sea levels
9 and coastal erosion as a result of climate change.

10 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue
11 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
13 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2020-2021
14 for the purpose of and construction of a Laniakea state wayside
15 park, including:

- 16 (1) Access pathways;
- 17 (2) Parking for vehicles, bicycles, and shuttles;
- 18 (3) Comfort stations;
- 19 (4) Landscaping with native plants and foliage;
- 20 (5) Erosion control;
- 21 (6) A lifeguard station;



- 1 (7) Underground utilities;
- 2 (8) Signage posted in multiple languages; and
- 3 (9) Remote security.

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

6 SECTION 5. The appropriation made for the capital
 7 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
 8 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
 9 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
 10 unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall lapse as of that date.

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

DLNR; DOT; Capital Improvement Projects; Laniakea Wayside Park; Appropriation; GO Bonds

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Transportation to take certain actions necessary to create a Laniakea state wayside park on the north shore of Oahu. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for planning and construction of the wayside park.

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