
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that access to lands
2 within the State's jurisdiction, particularly beach parks, for
3 pet animals and their owners is relatively limited. Existing
4 rules of the department of land and natural resources prohibit
5 access of pet animals to most beach parks under the State's
6 jurisdiction. On certain islands within the State, there are no
7 beach parks that allow access for pet animals.

8 The legislature also finds that owners of pet animals are
9 not adequately considered as a class of user within state beach
10 parks and that it is necessary to reevaluate access to state
11 lands in this case. The legislature further finds that access
12 for this class of user has been over-looked and unaddressed in
13 the past, leaving owners with limited access to open public
14 spaces where they may bring their pet animals.

15 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
16 land and natural resources to evaluate its rules relating to



1 access for pet animals and their owners within appropriate state
2 beach parks to allow greater access.

3 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural
4 resources shall evaluate its rules relating to state beach parks
5 to determine the feasibility of providing greater access for
6 persons accompanied by pet animals. The department shall:

- 7 (1) Identify state beach parks that may reasonably
- 8 accommodate pet animals;
- 9 (2) Determine which species of pet animals may be
- 10 appropriate within the state beach parks identified
- 11 pursuant to paragraph (1); and
- 12 (3) Consider other factors that the department deems
- 13 necessary.

14 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall
15 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
16 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
17 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
18 2016.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires DLNR to evaluate its rules and regulations relating to state beach parks to determine the feasibility of providing greater access for persons accompanied by pet animals.

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