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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PARKS.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. Transfer of state parks to county control;  
2 feasibility; advisory task force. (a) There is established  
3 within the department of land and natural resources for  
4 administrative purposes a temporary advisory task force to  
5 develop an action plan for the transfer of all state parks,  
6 together with all state park functions and funds, to the  
7 counties. The department of land and natural resources shall  
8 convene the task force no later than October 1, 2016.
- 9           (b) The advisory task force shall be composed of:
- 10           (1) The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
11 resources, or a designee, who shall serve as the  
12 chairperson of the task force;
- 13           (2) The four county directors having jurisdiction over  
14 parks and recreation, or their designees;
- 15           (3) One park user appointed by the governor;
- 16           (4) The chairperson of the house of representatives  
17 standing committee having jurisdiction over



1           intergovernmental affairs, or a designee appointed by  
2           the speaker of the house of representatives; and  
3           (5) The chairperson of the senate standing committee  
4           having jurisdiction over intergovernmental affairs, or  
5           a designee appointed by the president of the senate.  
6           (c) In carrying out its duties under this section, the  
7           advisory task force may request staff assistance from the  
8           department of land and natural resources and other appropriate  
9           state and county executive agencies.  
10          (d) The members of the advisory task force shall serve  
11          without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses  
12          necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel  
13          expenses.  
14          (e) The advisory task force shall have the following  
15          functions and duties:  
16               (1) Develop an action plan to transfer the functions and  
17               funding relating to the state parks to the counties;  
18               (2) Develop a timetable for the proposed transfer that  
19               would be the most cost-effective for both the State  
20               and counties, and that would provide the least  
21               disruption of services to the public users;



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- 1           (3) Include all relevant appropriations for specific parks  
2           projects that would be affected by the proposed  
3           transfer to the counties;
- 4           (4) Include all relevant contracts relating to state parks  
5           that would be affected by the proposed transfer to the  
6           counties;
- 7           (5) Include all relevant federal and state funds and  
8           assess how the proposed transfer to the counties would  
9           affect each funding source;
- 10          (6) Make recommendations, as appropriate, regarding the  
11          enactment of any county ordinances or policies that  
12          would be necessary to:
  - 13           (A) Provide for protection of the natural environment  
14           for parks that were formerly in the state land  
15           use conservation district;
  - 16           (B) Ensure preservation of historical and cultural  
17           sites;
  - 18           (C) Continue to provide community recreation and  
19           education activities, as appropriate, at  
20           transferred parks;



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- 1 (D) Continue to provide for park repair and  
2 maintenance without an increase in cost to the  
3 public;
- 4 (E) Ensure that the county will be able to comply  
5 with federal statutes and grant conditions as  
6 appropriate;
- 7 (F) Ensure that public safety is maintained in all  
8 parks transferred to the counties; and
- 9 (G) Maintain or improve responsiveness to park user  
10 and customer concerns, particularly those of  
11 residents and visitors using beach parks and  
12 wilderness areas;
- 13 (7) Consider all relevant state statutes and county  
14 ordinances relating to state and county parks and  
15 related areas for possible amendment; and
- 16 (8) Consider any other relevant issues necessary to ensure  
17 a timely and efficient transfer of responsibility of  
18 the state park system under chapter 184, Hawaii  
19 Revised Statutes, to the counties.

20 SECTION 2. The chairperson of the board of land and  
21 natural resources shall submit a report, including



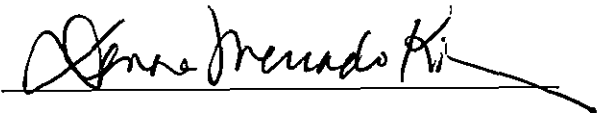
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1 recommendations and implementing legislation from the advisory  
2 task force, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
3 to the convening of the 2017 regular session.

4 SECTION 3. The advisory task force shall be dissolved on  
5 June 30, 2017.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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**Report Title:**

Parks; Public Lands; Counties; DLNR; Advisory Task Force

**Description:**

Creates an advisory task force to develop an action plan for the transfer of jurisdiction over state parks from the department of land and natural resources to the counties; requires a report of recommendations and implementing legislation to be submitted to the legislature before the 2017 regular session.

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