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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. (a) There is established within the governor's
2 office for administrative purposes a temporary advisory task
3 force to develop an action plan for the transfer of all state
4 parks, together with all state park functions and funds, to the
5 counties. The governor shall convene the task force within
6 thirty days after the effective date of this Act.

7 (b) The advisory task force shall be composed of:

- 8 (1) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
9 resources, or the chairperson's designee, who shall
10 serve as the chairperson of the task force;
- 11 (2) The four county directors having jurisdiction over
12 parks and recreation, or their designees;
- 13 (3) One park user appointed by the governor;
- 14 (4) The chairperson of the house of representatives
15 standing committee having jurisdiction over
16 intergovernmental affairs, or a designee appointed by
17 the speaker of the house of representatives; and



1 (5) The chairperson of the senate standing committee
2 having jurisdiction over intergovernmental affairs, or
3 a designee appointed by the president of the senate.

4 (c) In carrying out its duties under this section, the
5 advisory task force may request staff assistance from the
6 department of land and natural resources and other appropriate
7 state and county executive agencies.

8 (d) The members of the advisory task force shall serve
9 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses
10 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
11 expenses.

12 (e) The advisory task force shall have the following
13 functions and duties:

14 (1) Develop an action plan to transfer the functions and
15 funding relating to the state parks to the counties;

16 (2) Develop a timetable for the proposed transfer that
17 would be the most cost-effective for both the State
18 and counties, and that would provide the least
19 disruption of services to public users;

20 (3) Include all relevant appropriations for specific parks
21 projects that would be affected by the proposed
22 transfer to the counties;



- 1 (4) Include all relevant contracts relating to state parks
2 that would be affected by the proposed transfer to the
3 counties;
- 4 (5) Include all relevant federal and state funds and
5 assess how the proposed transfer to the counties would
6 affect each funding source;
- 7 (6) Make recommendations, as appropriate, regarding the
8 enactment of any county ordinances or policies that
9 would be necessary to:
 - 10 (A) Provide for protection of the natural environment
11 for parks that were formerly in the state land
12 use conservation district;
 - 13 (B) Ensure preservation of historical and cultural
14 sites;
 - 15 (C) Continue to provide community recreation and
16 education activities, as appropriate, at
17 transferred parks;
 - 18 (D) Continue to provide for park repair and
19 maintenance without an increase in cost to the
20 public;



- 1 (E) Ensure that the county will be able to comply
- 2 with federal statutes and grant conditions as
- 3 appropriate;
- 4 (F) Ensure that public safety is maintained in all
- 5 parks transferred to the counties; and
- 6 (G) Maintain or improve responsiveness to park user
- 7 and customer concerns, particularly those of
- 8 residents and visitors using beach parks and
- 9 wilderness areas;
- 10 (7) Consider all relevant state statutes and county
- 11 ordinances relating to state and county parks and
- 12 related areas for possible amendment; and
- 13 (8) Consider any other relevant issues necessary to ensure
- 14 a timely and efficient transfer of responsibility of
- 15 the state park system under chapter 184, Hawaii
- 16 Revised Statutes, to the counties.

17 SECTION 2. The chairperson of the board of land and
18 natural resources shall submit a report, including
19 recommendations and implementing legislation from the advisory
20 task force, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
21 to the convening of the 2008 regular session.



1 SECTION 3. The advisory task force shall be dissolved on
2 June 30, 2008.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

State Parks; Transfer to Counties; 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.

