
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. For years, the State has granted permits for
2 recreational-residences in the Koke'e and Waimea canyon state
3 parks. Currently, there are approximately one hundred forty
4 recreational-residence use leases in Koke'e and Waimea canyon
5 state parks. The board of land and natural resources has
6 directed the department of land and natural resources to conduct
7 a public auction of all of its recreation-residence use leases
8 in Koke'e and Waimea canyon state parks following their
9 expiration in December 2006. Many of the existing lessees have
10 made substantial improvements on their leased lots, some having
11 done so over a period of generations, and they do not want to
12 abandon these improvements. The issue of a public auction
13 became contentious enough that a recent decision was made to
14 delay the auction indefinitely, pending the conclusion of
15 lawsuits and public input. The decision resulted in the State
16 issuing month-to-month tenancy of the recreational residences to
17 the lessees. However, the uncertainty of the leaseholders'
18 length of tenancy has led to the deferral of maintenance on the



1 recreational cabins, many of which are historic and an
 2 irreplaceable part of the cultural landscape of the Koke'e and
 3 Waimea canyon state parks.

4 The legislature further finds that, for the good of the
 5 cabins and the Koke'e and the Waimea canyon state parks, the
 6 leaseholders of recreational-residential use leases must be
 7 provided with the long-term assurance that they need to invest
 8 in maintenance and repair of the properties.

9 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
 10 shall extend its recreational-residence use leases in the Koke'e
 11 and Waimea canyon state parks for five years at a per cent
 12 increase.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
 14 and shall be repealed on January 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Recreational Leases

Description:

Requires the department of land and natural resources to extend the recreation-residence use leases at the Koke'e and Waimea canyon state parks for 5 years. Sunsets 01/01/12.

