A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.

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

1	SECT	TION 1. Section 171-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended t	o read as follows:
3	"§17	1-14 Auction. (a) Except as otherwise specifically
4	provided,	all disposition of public lands shall be made at
5	public au	ction after public notice as provided in section 171-
6	16.	
7	<u>(b)</u>	All [such] auctions shall be [held]:
8	(1)	Held at the door of the office of the land agent or at
9		such other place as is convenient in the district in
10		which the land is located[$_{ au}$]; and [$_{ au}$] and [$_{ au}$]
11	(2)	Conducted by the chairperson or the land agent or by
12		any other authorized employee of the department of
13		land and natural resources under the direction of the
14		board of land and natural resources, all of whom shall
15		perform this service without extra compensation.
16	(c)	Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, whenever the
17	board dis	poses of public land by public auction, the current

1 lessee of the public land to be disposed shall have the right to 2 match any winning bid within days thereof if: 3 (1) The current lessee has made substantial improvements 4 to the demised land. For purposes of this subsection, 5 "substantial improvements" means all improvements of 6 which the aggregate fair market value exceeds 7 s as determined by appraisers; 8 (2) The current lessee participates in the auction; and 9 (3) The current lessee has not had a previous or the 10 current sale, lease, license, permit, or easement 11 covering public lands cancelled or forfeited for 12 failure to satisfy the terms and conditions thereof." 13 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that 14 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were 15 begun, before its effective date. 16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 19				
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Description:

Permits a current lessee of public land to be disposed by public auction to match the winning bid under certain circumstances.