THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII S.R. NO./09

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO NOT TRANSFER HAPUNA BEACH AND MAUNA KEA STATE RECREATION AREAS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, residents of and visitors to the State of Hawaii 2 use the public facilities located within Hapuna Beach and Mauna 3 Kea State Recreation Areas, including restrooms, shelters, and 4 picnicking areas, and the return of many of these visitors 5 depends on the quality of their experience at the state 6 recreation areas; and

8 WHEREAS, the Governor and the Mayor of the County of Hawaii 9 have entered into a written agreement authorizing the Governor 10 to transfer the estate, title to, right to, interest in, and any 11 appurtenance of the Hapuna Beach and Mauna Kea State Recreation 12 Areas from the State of Hawaii to the County of Hawaii; and 13

14 WHEREAS, although the County of Hawaii has previously 15 indicated its willingness to assume responsibility for the 16 operation, maintenance, and improvement of certain parks on the 17 Island of Hawaii, the County of Hawaii faces difficulties that 18 limit its ability to support additional responsibilities at this 19 time; and

21 WHEREAS, chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, places the 22 operations, maintenance, and improvement of state parks within 23 the purview of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, 24 which has the ability, resources, and expertise to perform these 25 tasks; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1555 was introduced this year, proposing a new chapter be added to the Hawaii Revised Statutes, that creates a Public Land Development Corporation within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to broaden the department's mission to enable it to develop and manage revenuegenerating recreational and leisure centers throughout the State; and

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WHEREAS, Hapuna Beach and Mauna Kea State Recreation Areas 1 2 have the potential to be sources of revenue generation for the State through the implementation of user fees and public-private 3 4 partnerships; now, therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth 7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, that the Governor is urged to not transfer Hapuna Beach and 8 9 Mauna Kea State Recreation Areas from the State of Hawaii to the 10 County of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 12 13 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, the Chairperson of the Hawaii County Council, 14 15 and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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