

JAN 20 2017

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the personal use of
2 unmanned aerial systems, referred to as "UAS" or "drones", has
3 increased dramatically in the State. Drones are now routinely
4 observed flying over public beaches and parks and can interfere
5 with individuals' use of those beaches and parks or pose a
6 safety risk to the individuals beneath.

7 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit certain activity by
8 drones at public parks and beaches.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 261, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§261- Unmanned aerial systems; public property. (a)

13 No person shall launch, land, or recover an unmanned aerial
14 system at a public park or beach without prior written consent
15 from the department.

16 (b) No person shall operate an unmanned aerial system over
17 a public park or beach at an altitude that:



S.B. NO. 632

Report Title:

Unmanned Aerial Systems; Public Parks; Public Beaches

Description:

Prohibits the launching, landing, or recovering of an unmanned aerial system at a public park or beach without the prior consent of DOT. Prohibits the operation of an unmanned aerial system over any public park or beach at an altitude that interferes with the use of the land or water, or the space above the land or water, or is dangerous to others. Defines "unmanned aerial system".

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