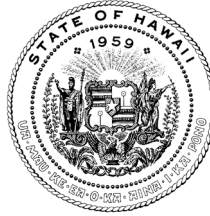


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Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND

Thursday, March 17, 2022
8:30 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 430, Via Videoconference

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2626, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senate Bill 2626, Senate Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (Department) Division of State Parks (Division), Maui Branch for the purchase of additional vehicles. **The Department supports this bill, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

The Division's Maui Branch carries out resource management activities in State Parks across Maui Nui. Waianapanapa State Park and East Maui Wayside Parks are in dire need of these vehicles. East Maui Park Caretakers currently manage the day-to-day operations at the Waianapanapa State Park and three wayside parks along Hana Highway. Operations require staff to travel the narrow and heavily used Hana highway on a daily basis. Currently Waianapanapa staff utilizes three vehicles which were manufactured between 2006 and 2009. The Park Caretaker who services the three wayside parks currently operates a 2009 Chevrolet truck. All vehicles were originally purchased through the Government Surplus Vehicle Program. Therefore, although staff attempts to select the best vehicles available at these auctions, due to their age and prior use, they constantly require costly repairs and frequent maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2626, S.D. 1

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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 2626, S.D. 1, appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for FY 23 for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, to purchase vehicles.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



Maui Hotel & Lodging
ASSOCIATION

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Committee on Water and Land
Senate Bill 2626 SD1: Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources
March 17, 2022, 8:30 am
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The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA) is the legislative arm of the visitor industry for Maui County. We represent over 170 property and allied business members and over 19,000 rooms. **We are in strong support of Senate Bill 2626 SD1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of State Parks, Maui Parks Section for the purchase of additional vehicles.

MHLA participated in and remains on the steering committee for the community-driven Destination Management Action Plans (DMAPs) through Hawaii Tourism Authority. These plans clearly articulated the community's desire for more effective management of our beloved state parks and the important role of visitor reservation systems in the management of these heavily-visited sites. We appreciate the Legislature's consideration of this measure to provide the resources needed by our partners at the Department of Land and Natural Resources here on Maui, and we appreciate this opportunity to support SB2626 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

SB-2626-SD-1

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Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB2626.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui