

JAN 23 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the 62.576-acre
2 parcel identified as tax map key: (3) 2-1-001:012 is currently
3 the site of the Grand Naniloa Golf Course. The legislature
4 further finds that the redevelopment of this parcel to more
5 beneficial uses is in the public interest. The parcel is an
6 important component of the Banyan Drive resort area, and its
7 current use as a golf course does not fulfill the land's
8 potential to benefit the surrounding area and broader community.

9 The State, through the department of land and natural
10 resources, owns the land on which this parcel is located. The
11 department of land and natural resources desires to redevelop
12 the area based on the needs and desires of the community.

13 This parcel is currently leased to a private entity as part
14 of the Grand Naniloa Hotel, pursuant to General Lease
15 No. S-5844. To redevelop this area, the privately held
16 leasehold interest in the golf course must be acquired by
17 agreement, withdrawal from the lease, or eminent domain, which



1 would require the payment of fair or just compensation to the
2 lessee.

3 The legislature hereby supports the acquisition of the
4 leasehold interest in the parcel currently used as the Grand
5 Naniloa Golf Course, whether by agreement, withdrawal, or
6 eminent domain.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 8 (1) Authorize the department of land and natural resources
9 to acquire, through eminent domain or otherwise, the
10 leasehold interest in the parcel identified as tax map
11 key: (3) 2-1-001:012 and currently used as the Grand
12 Naniloa Golf Course;
- 13 (2) Authorize the board of land and natural resources to
14 approve a new use for the parcel after providing the
15 public an opportunity to provide testimony; and
- 16 (3) Appropriate moneys to the department of land and
17 natural resources.

18 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural
19 resources may acquire the leasehold interest in the parcel
20 identified as tax map key: (3) 2-1-001:012 and currently used
21 as the Grand Naniloa Golf Course, whether by agreement,



1 withdrawal, or eminent domain pursuant to chapter 101, Hawaii
2 Revised Statutes.

3 (b) After acquiring the leasehold interest pursuant to
4 subsection (a), the board of land and natural resources may
5 approve a new use for the parcel in an open meeting that
6 complies with part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
7 provided that the board first provides the public the
8 opportunity to provide testimony on any proposed new uses of the
9 parcel.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$270,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the
13 department of land and natural resources to acquire the
14 leasehold interest in the parcel of state-owned land identified
15 in section 2 of this Act.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:





S.B. NO. 2692

Report Title:

BLNR; DLNR; Public Land; Grand Naniloa Golf Course; Banyan Drive; Acquisition of Leasehold; Eminent Domain; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to acquire, through eminent domain or otherwise, the leasehold interest in the parcel identified as tax map key: (3) 2-1-001:012 and currently used as the Grand Naniloa Golf Course. Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve a new use for the parcel after providing an opportunity for public testimony. Appropriates moneys.

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