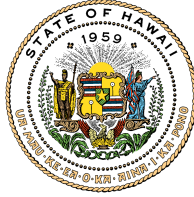


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WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3146
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senate Bill 3146 authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal administrative fee schedules for the use of certain lands following a specified procedure and to exempt parking lot and concessions operations on such lands from bidding requirements for concessions on public property. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure.**

In Act 194, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2021, the Legislature authorized the Board to adopt, amend, or repeal administrative fee schedules for the use of State Parks. In Act 72, SLH 2023, the Legislature exempted parking lot and concessions operations at State Parks from bidding requirements for concessions operated on public property. Both Acts improved the Department's ability to partner with community and place-based nonprofit organizations in managing State Parks.

The Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW), which manages forest reserves, wildlife sanctuaries, game management areas, natural area reserves, and Nā Ala Hele trails and access, has established partnerships with community and place-based nonprofit organizations to oversee the lands under its jurisdiction. However, DOFAW does not have the authorities granted by Acts 194 and 72 to the Division of State Parks.

Authorizing the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal administrative fee schedules by board action for the use of forest reserves, wildlife sanctuaries, game management areas, natural area reserves, and Nā Ala Hele trails and access and exempting parking lot and concession operations on these DOFAW-managed lands from bidding requirements for concessions operated on public property will support partnerships with

community and place-based nonprofit organizations, enhance the public's experience, and improve the Department's management of DOFAW-managed lands.

This bill would also permit the Department to adjust fees for permits and tags related to hunting game birds and mammals through board action, without using the Chapter 91 rulemaking process. This bill does not impact hunting license fees, as those are defined by statute.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

SB-3146

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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my support of bill SB3146.

Banyan Drive needs to be maintained for the people of Hawai'i Island.