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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PARKS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Wailuku river  
2 state park is an important natural, cultural, and recreational  
3 resource that provides public access to open space and  
4 opportunities to experience the natural environment. Access to  
5 parks and natural areas supports mental and physical health by  
6 reducing stress, improving emotional well-being, and encouraging  
7 walking, bicycling, and other outdoor activities that promote  
8 lifelong wellness.

9           The legislature further finds that public parks serve as  
10 essential community gathering places that foster social  
11 interaction, cultural connection, and shared stewardship of the  
12 land. The expansion of Wailuku river state park will not only  
13 enhance its role as a natural, cultural, and recreational  
14 resource and opportunity for the public to access open space and  
15 the natural environment but also support the creation of a  
16 vehicle-free safe route to school, improving student safety and



1 independence while reducing traffic congestion, allowing parents  
2 to get to work on time, and relieving family stresses.

3 The legislature concludes that establishing and funding the  
4 expansion of Wailuku river state park will promote mental  
5 health, physical well-being, safe mobility, and community  
6 connection, while enhancing equitable access to this public  
7 resource for present and future generations.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 9 (1) Authorize and appropriate funds for the expansion of  
10 Wailuku river state park; and  
11 (2) Authorize the department of land and natural resources  
12 to exercise the power of eminent domain for the  
13 expansion of Wailuku river state park.

14 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources  
15 may acquire the fee simple interest in the following parcels for  
16 the expansion of Wailuku river state park:

- 17 (1) TMK (3) 2-5-008-003;  
18 (2) TMK (3) 2-5-008-025;  
19 (3) TMK (3) 2-5-008-026; and  
20 (4) TMK (3) 2-5-008-027.



1 SECTION 3. The following sums or so much thereof as may be  
 2 necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 are appropriated or  
 3 authorized, as the case may be, from moneys in the treasury  
 4 received from general obligation bond funds and federal grants  
 5 to finance the capital improvement project listed below. The  
 6 letter symbols used after the specific project appropriations  
 7 indicate the source of financing and have the following meaning:  
 8 (C) general obligation bond fund and (N) federal funds.

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1. WAILUKU RIVER STATE PARK EXPANSION, HAWAII

LAND FOR THE EXPANSION OF  
 WAILUKU RIVER STATE PARK.

TOTAL FUNDING	LNR	\$	C
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18 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended, and  
 19 the bonds authorized shall be issued, by the department of land  
 20 and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 5. The appropriation made for the capital  
 22 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
 23 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
 24 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
 25 unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as of that date.



1           SECTION 6. Pursuant to chapter 101, Hawaii Revised  
2 Statutes, the department of land and natural resources may  
3 acquire any real property, including fixtures and improvements,  
4 or any interest in real property, for the purposes of this Act;  
5 provided that the department makes a determination that the real  
6 property is necessary for the department's immediate or future  
7 use. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any real  
8 property acquired by the department pursuant to chapter 101,  
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the purposes of this Act shall not  
10 thereafter be transferred or taken for any other public use  
11 without the consent of the department.

12           SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 2864.



**Report Title:**

Wailuku River State Park; Expansion; Eminent Domain;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes and appropriates funds for the expansion of Wailuku River State Park. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to exercise the power of eminent domain for the expansion of Wailuku River State Park. Effective 6/30/2864.  
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