

ACT 154

H.B. NO. 1755-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Lands.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 171-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“§171-7 **General duties of the board.** Except as provided by law the board of land and natural resources through the chairman shall:

- (1) Maintain an accurate inventory of public lands;
- (2) Prevent illegal activities on, unlawful occupation of, or trespassing on public lands;
- (3) Cause all trespassers and persons unlawfully occupying public lands, and their effects, and all animals trespassing on the lands to be removed therefrom and to impound the animals according to law;
- (4) Enter on any public land in order to take possession thereof, and to resume possession of any public land in case of surrender, forfeiture, or escheat;
- (5) Enforce contracts respecting sales, leases, licenses, permits, or other disposition of public lands;
- (6) Conduct all public auctions and sales pertaining to the disposition of public lands and other property authorized by the board;
- (7) Recover money due the State for damage done to any public lands by wrongful entry and occupation or by wrongful removal therefrom or destruction of any property;
- (8) Bring such actions and proceedings as may be necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the board in the name of the State and to defend such actions brought against the State as may be authorized;
- (9) Keep a record of all official transactions, relating to public lands within his jurisdiction and such record shall be a public record;
- (10) Administer oaths in all matters pertaining to the administration of the public lands.”

SECTION 2. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 25, 1984.)