

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
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SUBJECT: REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVOCABLE PERMITS THAT WILL BE NEGOTIATED AND EXECUTED BY THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE COLLECTION OF PARKING AND ENTRANCE FEES AT STATE PARKS UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT CONTRACTS AWARDED THROUGH A PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROCESS ARE EXECUTED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

INFORMATION

The Division of State Parks (DSP), as part of the Recreational Renaissance, has been before the Board in August and December of 2009, and more recently in June of 2010, on a variety of issues, and has received Board approval to set and charge parking and entrance fees, and to initiate a process with the private sector for collection at the following list of State Park features:

Hawaii: Akaka Falls State Park, Hapuna Beach State Recreational Area, and Kekaha Kai State Park
Maui: Makena State Park, Iao Valley State Monument
Oahu: Nu`uanu Pali State Wayside

It has been the critical need of the Department, due to the serious budget shortfall, to initiate a rapid process to establish a method to collect parking and entrance fees at these State Parks, while not expending any State funds in doing so, and to also determine what the private sector would offer in providing this service. Also, in the course of collecting revenue, the Department needs to also collect reliable data on patronage and income so that in the future, DSP could then embark on a more formal and long-term method to solicit private sector interest in collecting parking and entrance fees at the aforementioned State Park features.

Previously, the Board has approved the “Chairperson to conduct an Invitation for Bids, Concession Agreement or other public process such as a Request for Proposals and to award and enter an appropriate agreement or permit for either entry or parking fee collection”

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In March of 2010, as a result of these previous approvals, the Department executed a Revocable Permit (RP), to collect parking fees at the Nu'uauu Pali State Wayside. To date, this collection has generated \$43,157 of new revenue from both public and commercial parking fees. Very reliable data is also being generated that will be applied for a future, formal procurement process.

During review of the proposed RP for subsequent parking fee collection at Iao Valley State Monument, the Attorney General's Office has recommended that DSP return to the Board to clarify and obtain approval that, until such time that contracts are awarded and executed through a public procurement process, the Chairperson may specifically negotiate and execute RP's for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves the issuance of Revocable Permits that will be negotiated and executed by the Chairperson for the collection of parking and entrance fees at State Parks until such time that contracts awarded through a public procurement process are executed for the same purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



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