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HB 1223

RELATING TO STATE PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND HISTORIC OBJECTS
AND SITES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE PARK RANGER CORPS.

Statement to
House Committee on Water, Land Use Development and Hawaiian Homes
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HB 1223 would amend the State law regarding State Parks to provide for the establishment of a State Park Ranger Corps. This statement on the bill is being submitted for review to the legislative subcommittee of the Environmental Center of the University of Hawaii, but does not reflect an institutional position of the University.

The appointment of Park Rangers to serve the State Park system has been considered for some time, at least informally. The functions identified for such rangers in HB 1223 are functions usefully performed in National Parks by Park Service rangers. These functions are appreciated, and there is every reason to suppose that they would be valued in the State Park system.