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HB 3532 RELATING TO STATE PARKS

House Committee on Water and Land Use Planning

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9:00 A.M., Room 312, State Capitol**

By
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HB 3532 clarifies that monies from Aina Hoomalu Special Fund may be used to monitor and determine the carrying capacity of park facilities.

Our statement on this measure is compiled from voluntarily submitted opinions of the listed academic reviewers, and as such, does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Generally, we concur with the intent of this measure, with the caveat that quantifying carrying capacity where human usage and behavior are involved is difficult if not impossible. There are no direct stimulus-response interactions between humans and the environment, but rather a continuum of complex interrelationships which defy exact definition. Thus, given the flexibility of human perception and response, the line between acceptable and unacceptable environmental degradation resulting from human activity cannot be specified.