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HB 97
RELATING TO OUTDOOR RECREATION

Statement for
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HB 97 would appropriate monies for the purchase of trail rights-of-way identified in, Study Report on Acquisition of Access to Forest Reserves Statewide (DLNR, 1976). It would also appropriate monies to establish a statewide recreation program.

Our statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

HB 97 would help alleviate some of the difficulties encountered by the public in accessing existing trails as well as provide monies for the development of mountain recreation programs. Improved access would help to instill a greater awareness for the natural beauties of Hawaii and foster environmental education in the state.

If sufficient funds to acquire rights-of-way are not available other alternative means to assure access may need to be considered. These alternatives could include land swaps and other nonmonetary exchanges.