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FOREWORD

This is one of a number of preliminary reports or "working papers" stemming from a program of research on Hawaii's public lands. This research has been undertaken in response to a request by Hawaii's State Legislature that the Legislative Reference Bureau prepare a historical survey of public land management and policies of the federal government, state governments and Hawaii, with particular emphasis on a review and analysis of Hawaii's public land policies during the period 1893 to the present.

The first portion of the Legislature's request was met through publication of L.R.B. Report Number 5, a summary history of Public Land Policies of the United States and the Mainland States. Additional working papers already published or in preparation are designed to present a historical survey and analysis of Hawaii's public land policies, with a view to identifying the major objectives of land management, assessing their success or failure, and weighing them against the requirements and circumstances of contemporary Hawaii. These studies are based on the premise that public land policy is properly understood as long-range policy. The public land statutes now in force will materially affect Hawaii's future--just as the public land laws of the past have contributed importantly in shaping contemporary Hawaii. The present research program is designed to assist the many individuals and agencies, both public and private, concerned with and responsible for the formation and implementation of Hawaii's public land policies.

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