
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KAAAWA-HAUULA COMMUNITY-BASED LONG-RANGE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature acknowledges the escalating
2 challenges posed by climate change and coastal erosion and the
3 imperative need to preserve access to rural communities along
4 our coastlines. Recognizing the specific vulnerabilities faced
5 by the communities of Kaaawa and Hauula, including the urgency
6 of addressing coastal erosion and road conditions, the
7 legislature finds that it is essential to embark on
8 community-based, long-range planning tailored to the unique
9 needs of these two communities.

10 The legislature is committed to strategically addressing
11 the threats of climate change and coastal erosion by discussing
12 the future of Kamehameha highway in Kaaawa and Hauula with the
13 community and finding solutions to maintain transportation
14 routes that link these rural communities. Preserving the
15 integrity of vital transportation infrastructure is important so



1 communities can have uninterrupted access to goods, services,
2 and emergency assistance.

3 The legislature further finds that it is important to
4 foster collaboration and involve key stakeholders in the
5 decision-making process. It is important for state departments,
6 local organizations, and community members to be a part of the
7 conversation in shaping the future of Kamehameha highway.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
9 funds for and require the involvement of community members and
10 organizations in the development of a community-based long-range
11 transportation plan for the Kaaawa and Hauula communities.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation shall
13 develop a community-based long-range transportation plan to
14 devise and implement long-term solutions for coastal erosion
15 along Kamehameha highway in Kaaawa and Hauula.

16 (b) To ensure the involvement of key community
17 stakeholders in this planning process, the department of
18 transportation and any entity designated by the department of
19 transportation shall invite and consult with the following
20 entities or individuals in the development process of the
21 Kaaawa-Hauula community-based long-range transportation plan:



- 1 (1) The department of land and natural resources;
- 2 (2) Koolauloa Neighborhood Board;
- 3 (3) Koolauloa Hawaiian Civic Club;
- 4 (4) Kaaawa Community Association; and
- 5 (5) Hauula Community Association.

6 (c) The department of transportation shall complete its
7 Kaaawa-Hauula community-based long-range transportation plan and
8 submit the plan to the legislature no later than June 30, 2026.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to
12 develop the Kaaawa-Hauula community-based long-range
13 transportation plan.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
17 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
19 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
20 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
21 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the



1 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
 2 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
 3 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
 4 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
 5 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
 6 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
 7 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
 8 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 9 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
- 10 serve the public interest; and
- 11 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
- 12 addressed by this Act.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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