
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEACHES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 226-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) To achieve the land-based, shoreline, and marine
4 resources objectives, it shall be the policy of this State to:

5 (1) Exercise an overall conservation ethic in the use of
6 Hawaii's natural resources [-];

7 (2) Ensure compatibility between land-based and water-
8 based activities and natural resources and ecological
9 systems [-];

10 (3) Take into account the physical attributes of areas
11 when planning and designing activities and
12 facilities [-];

13 (4) Manage natural resources and environs to encourage
14 their beneficial and multiple use without generating
15 costly or irreparable environmental damage [-];



- 1 (5) Consider multiple uses in watershed areas [] ; provided
- 2 [such] that the uses do not detrimentally affect water
- 3 quality and recharge functions [] ;
- 4 (6) Encourage the protection of rare or endangered plant
- 5 and animal species and habitats native to Hawaii [] ;
- 6 (7) Provide public incentives that encourage private
- 7 actions to protect significant natural resources from
- 8 degradation or unnecessary depletion [] ;
- 9 (8) Pursue compatible relationships among activities,
- 10 facilities, and natural resources [] ;
- 11 (9) Promote increased accessibility and prudent use of
- 12 inland and shoreline areas for public recreational,
- 13 educational, and scientific purposes [] ; and
- 14 (10) Develop a statewide beach assessment study and beach
- 15 and shoreline restoration and conservation plan to
- 16 regularly assess beach and shoreline erosion and
- 17 develop feasible beach and shoreline restoration or
- 18 conservation options."

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general

20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so

21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 and



1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year 2024-2025 for the development of a statewide beach
3 assessment study and a beach and shoreline restoration and
4 conservation plan.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
6 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
7 Act.

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

Hawaii State Planning Act; Beach Assessment Study; Beach and Shoreline Restoration and Conservation Plan; Appropriation

Description:

Includes in the State's policies for the physical environment under the Hawaii State Planning Act, the development of a statewide beach assessment study and a beach and shoreline restoration and conservation plan. Appropriates funds.

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