

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that geothermal resources
2 can provide stable power and community benefits and are a viable
3 alternative to biofuels. Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022,
4 appropriated \$500,000 as start-up funding for the exploration of
5 geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands. The legislature
6 recognizes that additional moneys are needed to allow the
7 department of Hawaiian home lands to gather more information and
8 to investigate suspected hot spots of geothermal activity.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
10 moneys for the continued exploration and identification of
11 geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands.

12 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
13 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
14 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
15 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
16 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
17 to be exceeded by \$, or per cent. The reasons



1 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the
2 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
3 interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,000,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
7 continued exploration and identification of geothermal resources
8 on Hawaiian home lands.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 2650

Report Title:

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Geothermal Resources;
Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

Description:

Appropriates moneys for the continued exploration and identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian Home Lands. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

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