

LINDA LINGLE

GOV. MSG. NO. 532

April 24, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 003 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on April 24, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2400

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR ACQUISITION OF WAIMEA VALLEY, OAHU.
(ACT 15)

Sincerely,

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ACT 015 H.B. NO. <u>2400</u>

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR ACQUISITION OF WAIMEA VALLEY, OAHU.

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

- SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
- 2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
- 3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.
- 4 SECTION 2. The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
- 5 appropriation of \$1,600,000 to assist in the purchase and
- 6 preservation of Waimea Valley, Oahu.
- 7 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that it is in the best
- 8 interests of the public for the consortium of government
- 9 agencies and nonprofit organizations to purchase Waimea Valley
- 10 for the purpose of preserving one of the most treasured ahupua a
- 11 for future generations. Waimea Valley has been designated as
- 12 conservation land due to its rich cultural sites, and abundance
- 13 of native plants, stream animals and wildlife. The valley is
- 14 considered an archaeological landscape because of the high
- 15 frequency and density of archaeological and cultural sites.
- Given the State's limited resources, the legislature
- 17 acknowledges that financing the purchase of lands rich in

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1	natural and cultural resources for the benefit of the public is
2	best achieved through collaborative arrangements with and other
3	government agencies and nonprofit organizations. The State
4	recently participated in negotiations that resulted in an
5	agreement to purchase the valley for \$14,000,000. The
6	respective shares of the consortium participants are: United
7	States Army - \$3,500,000, Office of Hawaiian Affairs -
8	\$2,900,000, State Department of Land and Natural Resources -
9	\$1,600,000, City and County of Honolulu - \$5,000,000, and
10	National Audubon Society - \$1,000,000.
11	SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
12	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,600,000, or so
13	much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 for
14	the purpose of purchasing Waimea Valley, Oahu. The sum
15	appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and
16	natural resources.
17	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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19	APPROVED this 2 day of APR , 2006
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21	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: March 3, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

Speaker

House of Representatives

Patricia Mau-Shimizu Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date:

April 11, 2006

Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate