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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF KAHO OLAWE.

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

- SECTION 1. Act 340, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, mandated
 that the island of Kaho`olawe be reserved in perpetuity for uses
 such as: the preservation and practice of rights customarily
- 4 and traditionally exercised by native Hawaiians for cultural,
- 5 spiritual, and subsistence purposes; the preservation and
- ${f 6}$ protection of the island's archaeological, historical, and
- 7 environmental resources; and education. Accordingly, the
- **8** Kaho`olawe island reserve commission plans to establish kahua
- 9 kauhale or culture and education centers, operations facilities,
- 10 overnight campsites, restoration areas, and cultural and
- 11 wildlife preserves on the island.
- 12 Because Kaho`olawe is geographically and logistically
- 13 isolated from the other Hawaiian islands, concerns have emerged
- 14 regarding appropriate power sources and adequate fuel supplies
- 15 to successfully maintain planned facilities and operations.
- In keeping with the Kaho`olawe island reserve commission's
- 17 mandate and vision to restore, preserve, and maintain a pristine
- 18 natural environment on the island, the use of alternative energy

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- 1 resources for the island's power needs is advisable. Kaho`olawe
- 2 can serve as a model project for sustainability and alternative
- 3 energy research and application. In this regard, the state
- 4 planning act, chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, identifies
- 5 increased energy self-sufficiency as one of the State's energy
- 6 objectives.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to:
- 10 (A) Support large group or longer-term visits to the

 11 island to introduce visitors to the island and

 12 for apprenticeship, project specific uses, and

 13 restorative activities;
- 14 (B) Serve as a model to determine energy and
 15 logistical requirements of future kahua kauhale;
 16 and
- 17 (2) Enable ongoing evaluation of alternative energy
 18 applications to support the future vision and
 19 activities for the island of Kaho'olawe.
- 20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000, or so

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much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for 1 the following purposes: 2 \$800,000 for the design, purchase, and installation of 3 renewable energy systems and the costs of transporting 4 related equipment for a kahua kauhale (educational and 5 cultural center and work camp) that will be used as a model encampment on the island of Kaho`olawe; and (2) The ongoing evaluation of long-term alternative energy 8 applications to support the future vision and 9 historical, cultural, archeological, and restorative 10 activities for the island of Kaho`olawe, including but 11 not limited to evaluating the feasibility of using 12 renewable resource options for the following: pumping 13 of fresh water, desalinization, ice production, and 14 fuel for vehicles. 15 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the 16 17 Kaho`olawe island reserve commission for the purposes of this 18 Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Description:

Appropriates funds to install renewable energy systems for a model kahua kauhale or encampment on Kaho`olawe and to enable ongoing evaluation of renewable resources for the island.