
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A PILOT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that within the division
2 of conservation and resource enforcement of the department of
3 land and natural resources, there is a growing need to create
4 meaningful and sustainable partnerships with communities in
5 order to better manage and protect Hawaii's unique and treasured
6 natural resources.

7 The legislature finds that this need may be fulfilled
8 through a community conservation program to educate ocean users
9 on resource protection laws. By doing so, it is anticipated
10 that the number of ocean resource violations may be reduced
11 through education, outreach, increased enforcement presence, and
12 community empowerment. The legislature believes that by
13 implementing a new operations model, the division will better
14 serve the environmental needs of the people of Hawaii, while
15 protecting the natural resources of our island state.



1 The purpose of this Act is to create a pilot community
2 conservation program, utilizing community partnerships, on the
3 island of Maui.

4 SECTION 2. (a) There is established in the department of
5 land and natural resources, division of conservation and
6 resource enforcement, Maui district office, a five-year pilot
7 community conservation program to educate ocean users on near-
8 shore and marine resource protection laws.

9 (b) As used in this Act, unless the context requires
10 otherwise:

11 "Ahupuaa" means the land division usually extending from
12 the uplands to the sea.

13 "Department" means the department of land and natural
14 resources.

15 "Makai watch" means a community-based marine management
16 program that educates and empowers local communities to
17 sustainably manage near-shore and marine resources.

18 (c) The pilot community conservation program shall engage
19 in the following activities in the near-shore environment in the
20 moku of Lahaina and Kaanapali:

21 (1) Training volunteers in resource protection laws and
22 enforcement;



1 (2) Conducting education and outreach to ocean users on
2 near-shore and marine resource enforcement
3 regulations;

4 (3) Coordinating with Makai watch communities interested
5 in sustainably managing near-shore and marine
6 resources in their ahupuaa;

7 (4) Enforcing all natural resource laws, subject to the
8 authority of the department of land and natural
9 resources; and

10 (5) Identifying new rules necessary to ensure the long
11 term sustainability of near-shore and marine
12 resources.

13 (d) To carry out the purposes of this Act, the department
14 is authorized to fill up to ten full-time equivalent positions
15 in the Maui district office of the division of conservation and
16 resource enforcement subject to chapter 76 as follows:

17 (1) One conservation resource enforcement officer (IV)
18 position that shall manage and supervise the community
19 conservation program, supervise conservation resource
20 enforcement officers assigned to the program, and
21 develop the conservation resource enforcement officer
22 program;



- 1 (2) Two conservation resource enforcement officer (III)
2 positions that shall be assigned, respectively, to the
3 moku of Lahaina and the moku of Kaanapali. These
4 positions shall utilize traditional, native Hawaiian
5 boundaries to identify each "moku" in which they will
6 be serving;
- 7 (3) One conservation resource enforcement officer (IV)
8 position that shall assist the branch chief in
9 managing and maintaining operational oversight on all
10 programs under the Maui district office of the
11 division of conservation and resource enforcement;
- 12 (4) One education specialist position that shall increase
13 public awareness and participation in environmental
14 management efforts through the development and
15 dissemination of educational materials, conduct public
16 surveys, and solicit information through focus groups
17 and public meetings;
- 18 (5) One accountant (III) position that shall manage fiscal
19 operations for the Maui district office of the
20 division of conservation and resource enforcement;
- 21 (6) One research statistician position that shall collect
22 and analyze data on operations and programs of the



1 Maui district office of the division of conservation
2 and resource enforcement and shall use the data to
3 improve operational efficiency and create a proposal
4 for use in the formulation of a five year strategic
5 plan;

6 (7) One clerk typist (II) position that shall be assigned
7 to the secretary to improve administrative operational
8 efficiency;

9 (8) One clerk typist (II) position that shall be assigned
10 to the field supervisors; and

11 (9) One mechanic that shall reduce or eliminate
12 outsourcing of repairs of vehicles and other motorized
13 equipment.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009, for
17 purposes of the pilot community conservation program established
18 by this Act, including the hiring of necessary staff

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
20 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources
22 shall report to the legislature not later than twenty days prior



1 to the convening of each of the regular sessions of 2010 through
2 2013 on the progress of the pilot community conservation program
3 project, including the number and type of enforcement actions
4 conducted under this program, number of communities served,
5 number of volunteers trained, recommendations for changes to the
6 program, recommendations regarding proposed legislation, and
7 amounts and means of funding.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, and
9 shall be repealed on June 30, 2013.



Report Title:

Community Conservation Program Pilot Project; Maui

Description:

Creates a pilot community conservation program within the Maui office of the division of conservation and resource enforcement and appropriates funds. (SB2154 SD1)

