

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORAL.

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

1 The University of Hawaii shall conduct a study 2 on the effects of sunscreen used by swimmers and other ocean 3 users on the coral reefs located in Hawaii waters. The study 4 shall include recommendations on how to mitigate the detrimental 5 effects to coral, if any, caused by sunscreen, giving due 6 consideration to the need to protect the coral reefs and the 7 possible impact that mitigation measures may have on residents 8 and visitors who use sunscreen. 9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much 11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to study 12 the effects of sunscreen on coral reefs in Hawaii waters. 13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of 14 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act. 15 SECTION 3. The University of Hawaii shall submit a

preliminary report to the legislature no later than twenty days

prior to the convening of the regular session of 2017 and a

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- 1 final report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
- 2 to the convening of the regular session of 2018. The reports
- 3 may include proposed legislation.
- 4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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### Report Title:

Coral Reefs; Sunscreen; Sunblock; Ocean; University of Hawaii;
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### Description:

Requires UH to conduct a study on the effects of sunscreen on Hawaii's coral reefs. Appropriates funds.

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