
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WAIPIO VALLEY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Waipio valley, on
2 the island of Hawaii, is an area of great agricultural,
3 historical, and cultural significance. Waipio valley is the
4 location of the earliest human settlement on the island of
5 Hawaii and is the only undisturbed example of a royal center in
6 the State. Waipio valley has served as a historical, cultural,
7 and demographic center in the Hawaiian Islands for the past
8 eight hundred years. The valley houses precious resources,
9 including multiple heiau, taro patches, a fishpond, a waterfall,
10 and human remains.

11 Due to concerns over the need to preserve and protect
12 Waipio valley and its rich cultural and historical value, the
13 State's acquisition of Waipio valley has long been the subject
14 of study, analysis, and oversight. Although legislation to
15 acquire the valley has been introduced in previous sessions,
16 none of the proposed legislation has become law.



1 The Waipio valley task force, formed pursuant to house
2 resolution no. 277, regular session of 1990, compiled a 1992
3 report addressing the feasibility and analysis with respect to
4 the State's acquisition of the portion of the valley owned by
5 the Bishop Museum. The report specifically addressed the
6 detrimental impact on commercial uses of the valley, including
7 factors involving the influx of visitors and lack of adequate
8 public facilities and safety, anticipated demographic changes to
9 the Hamakua region and the detrimental effect on the natural and
10 cultural resources of the valley, and concerns related to stream
11 maintenance and flood control projects. The report found that
12 there was a desperate need to protect and preserve the aesthetic
13 integrity of Waipio valley.

14 Recently, the Bishop Museum announced plans to offer five
15 hundred thirty-seven acres of Waipio valley property for sale.
16 The land has been appraised at \$10,000,000 and represents
17 seventy per cent of the valley land.

18 The legislature believes that the proposed sale of a
19 substantial portion of the valley presents serious risks of
20 urban and commercial development in the valley. Therefore, the
21 legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the State



1 to purchase and acquire ownership of the portion of Waipio
2 valley that is for sale by the Bishop Museum.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
4 issuance of general obligation bonds for the purchase of Waipio
5 valley. The purchase of Waipio valley ensures the preservation
6 of the land and its rich culture and history for generations to
7 come.

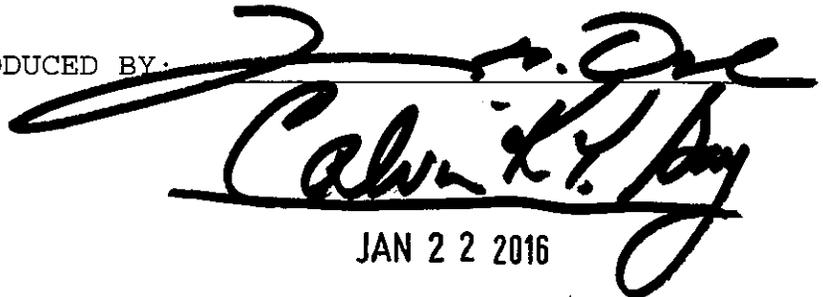
8 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
9 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$10,000,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
11 purchase of lands owned by the Bishop Museum, the estate of
12 Charles Reed Bishop, or the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate
13 situated in Waipio valley, island of Hawaii.

14 The sum shall be expended by the department of land and
15 natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

GO Bonds; Waipio Valley; Purchase

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of \$10 million in GO bonds for the purchase of Waipio valley on the island of Hawaii.

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