
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HIKER SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that every year there are
2 numerous search and rescue efforts in Hawaii because hikers
3 choose to ignore government warnings or hike on unmarked trails.
4 The counties expend crucial resources including money, time, and
5 energy to save these hikers, and responders risk serious injury
6 and death. The legislature further finds that a public
7 awareness campaign to educate hikers would help reduce future
8 hiking incidents.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
10 department of land and natural resources for a public awareness
11 campaign to educate the public about hiker safety and
12 preparedness.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the natural area
14 reserve fund, established by section 195-9, Hawaii Revised
15 Statutes, the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
16 necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for a public awareness



1 campaign to educate the public about hiker safety and
2 preparedness, including:

- 3 (1) The Na Ala Hele trail and access program; and
- 4 (2) The cost of and safety risks associated with searching
5 for and rescuing hikers.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Search and Rescue; Hikers; Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR); Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds from the Natural Area Reserve Fund to the DLNR for a public awareness campaign to educate the public about hiker safety and preparedness. (HB479 HD1)

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