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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO WATER QUALITY MONITORING.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the clean water  
2 branch of the department of health has inadequate staff capacity  
3 to meet its obligations to perform timely monitoring that  
4 assures east Hawaii's stream and coastal water safety for public  
5 swimming, fishing, and other recreation. In particular,  
6 contaminants of emerging concern from waste water treatment  
7 plant outfalls, injection wells, and any cesspools need to be  
8 addressed because of their role in harming coral reefs.

9       The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the  
10 department of health to establish one full-time position (1.0  
11 FTE) to conduct water quality assessments in east Hawaii,  
12 investigate complaints, and enforce surface water regulations.

13       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,772 or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
16 clean water branch of the department of health to hire one full-  
17 time equivalent (1.0 FTE) environmental health specialist IV




1 employee to monitor and enforce the water quality and safety of  
2 east Hawaii island's stream and coastal waters by:

- 3 (1) Acquiring water samples in east Hawaii streams,  
4 coastal waters, and seeps;
- 5 (2) Conducting watershed assessments and various surface  
6 water tests;
- 7 (3) Investigating complaints; and
- 8 (4) Enforcing surface water regulations.

9 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
10 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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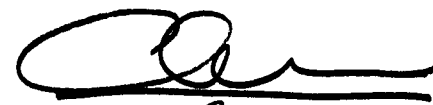
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# H.B. NO. 227L

**Report Title:**

Clean Water Branch; Environmental Health Specialist

**Description:**

Establishes an additional full-time Environmental Health Specialist IV position within the Department of Health to monitor water quality in East Hawaii. Appropriates funds.

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