
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that maintenance dredging
2 of Hawaii's small boat harbors is critical to the maintenance of
3 the infrastructure of the important small boat harbors,
4 channels, ramps, and other port infrastructure in the State.
5 The legislature further finds that the current system of waiting
6 until dredging is imminent to appropriate funds and only then
7 initiating the permitting process creates a haphazard system for
8 the allocation of money and the issuance of permits. This
9 disorganized process sometimes contributes to worsened
10 conditions at these facilities when increased amounts of marine
11 sediment and foreign debris accumulate, sometimes up to a height
12 that, if not cleared immediately, can damage the hulls of ships.
13 These conditions can potentially cause a shutdown of the
14 affected sites, which are important for recreation and
15 subsistence fishing and use by the general public, for safety
16 reasons.



1 The legislature further finds that federal agencies have
2 encouraged the states to adopt programmatic schedules of
3 maintenance dredging as a way to expedite federal review and
4 even draw down federal dollars that are available to assist the
5 states in these endeavors. Creating a strategic plan for
6 maintenance dredging for small boat harbors, channels, ramps,
7 and other port infrastructure in the State will evenly spread
8 resources based on actual need and allow ample time for
9 permitting and public input before port infrastructure reaches a
10 critical stage.

11 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
12 land and natural resources to create a strategic plan for
13 maintenance dredging for small boat harbors, channels, ramps,
14 and other important port infrastructure in the State.

15 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
16 shall create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging for small
17 boat harbors, channels, ramps, and other port infrastructure.
18 The strategic plan shall include:

19 (1) A list of potential projects in locations where the
20 department has identified a need for maintenance
21 dredging;



- 1 (2) The detailed estimated costs of each project; and
- 2 (3) A detailed timeline of each project until completion
- 3 which prevents or minimizes closures or interruption
- 4 of services at each project site.

5 The department shall submit a report, including the strategic
6 plan and any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
8 of 2019.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
12 purpose of creating a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of
13 harbor and port locations, as identified by the department of
14 land and natural resources.

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

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Maintenance Dredging;
Port Infrastructure; Strategic Plan; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of important port and harbor locations and report the plan to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Takes effect on July 1, 2050. (SD1)

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