
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AN ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS PILOT PROGRAM FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a three-year
2 accessible playgrounds pilot program to provide recreation
3 opportunities for children of all abilities. The pilot program
4 shall be developed and implemented by the department of land and
5 natural resources. The pilot program shall:

6 (1) Create, at minimum, one accessible playground in each
7 county on state parks;

8 (2) Obtain and consider community input before any design
9 or construction takes place;

10 (3) Comply with all county zoning and land use
11 regulations; and

12 (4) Be subject to the requirements of chapter 104, Hawaii
13 Revised Statutes.

14 (b) Each accessible playground shall:

15 (1) Accommodate disabled children of all ages and their
16 adult caregivers;



1 (2) Be designed and constructed in accordance with the
2 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, P.L. 101-336,
3 the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for
4 Accessible Design, and any relevant guidelines issued
5 by the United States Department of Justice, including
6 but not limited to accessibility guidelines on play
7 areas, play surfaces, play components, and access
8 routes;

9 (3) Be constructed on an existing or new playground site;
10 and

11 (4) Have sufficient amenities, including parking spaces
12 and bathrooms.

13 (c) The department may partner with private entities, such
14 as for-profit companies, nonprofit organizations, and community-
15 based organizations to secure program funding and donations,
16 including but not limited to donations of equipment. The
17 department may contract with and provide grants for counties to
18 implement the pilot program.

19 (d) Accessible playgrounds created under the pilot program
20 shall be completed and opened to the public no later than
21 January 1, 2021.



1 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
2 shall submit a report on the results of the three-year
3 accessible playgrounds pilot program, including any proposed
4 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
5 to the convening of the regular session of 2022. The report
6 shall contain, but shall not be limited to, information on
7 playground utilization, community feedback, and operational and
8 maintenance costs.

9 SECTION 3. 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 2018-2019 to be
12 deposited into the state parks special fund.

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the state parks
14 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
15 necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the implementation of a
16 three-year accessible playgrounds pilot program pursuant to this
17 Act.

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

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Playgrounds; Disabled Children; Accessibility; Pilot Program

Description:

Establishes a 3-year accessible playgrounds pilot program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys. (HB2443 HD1)

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