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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUEO RESEARCH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the pueo, or  
2 Hawaiian short-eared owl, is an endemic subspecies of the short-  
3 eared owl known as the "bird of wisdom" that offers guidance and  
4 protection. It also has a special place in Hawaii's culture and  
5 is revered by the ancient Hawaiians as an 'aumakua, or ancestral  
6 guardian for many Hawaiian families. Because of the cultural  
7 significance and potential ecological benefits of the pueo, it  
8 is important to conduct comprehensive studies on the pueo in  
9 order to allow researchers to better identify preferred breeding  
10 habitats and ensure the continued survivability of the pueo in  
11 the State.

12           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
13 department of land and natural resources to conduct, in  
14 collaboration with the University of Hawaii college of tropical  
15 agriculture and human resources, a two-year breeding ecology  
16 study and two-year foraging ecology study on the pueo on Oahu.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
4 department of land and natural resources to conduct, in  
5 collaboration with the University of Hawaii college of tropical  
6 agriculture and human resources, a two-year breeding ecology  
7 study and two-year foraging ecology study on the pueo on Oahu,  
8 including the hiring of necessary staff, equipment, and  
9 dissemination of research; provided that the staff for the  
10 studies shall include one postdoctoral fellowship, two graduate  
11 students, and two undergraduate students.

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

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



**Report Title:**

Pueo; Research; Study; Appropriation; UH; DLNR

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the department of land and natural resources to conduct, in collaboration with the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources, a two-year breeding ecology study and two-year foraging ecology study on the pueo on Oahu. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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