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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The auditor shall conduct a forensic  
2 financial audit of the University of Hawaii's activities related  
3 to Mauna Kea, limited to the following:

4           (1) Leases, including but not be limited to:

5                   (A) Mauna Kea science reserve, general lease S-4191;

6                   (B) Hale Pohaku mid-level facilities, general lease  
7                           S-5529; and

8                   (C) Mauna Kea access road, nonexclusive easement  
9                           lease S-4697;

10          (2) The University of Hawaii system;

11          (3) The legal affairs and university general counsel  
12               office of the University of Hawaii system;

13          (4) The University of Hawaii institute for astronomy;

14          (5) The research corporation of the University of Hawaii;

15          (6) The office of Mauna Kea management, including but not  
16               limited to permits issued by the office to commercial



1 tour operators to conduct tours on Mauna Kea and all  
2 revenues generated from those tours since 2005;

3 (7) The office of Mauna Kea management board;

4 (8) The Kahu Kū Mauna;

5 (9) The University of Hawaii at Hilo astronomy program;

6 (10) The Mauna Kea observatories;

7 (11) Mauna Kea observatories support services; and

8 (12) The Mauna Kea visitor information station;

9 (13) The Hawaii Island New Knowledge Fund administered by  
10 the Hawaii Community Foundation and the Pauahi  
11 Foundation;

12 (14) All financial expenditures from the University of  
13 Hawaii research and training revolving fund as it  
14 relates to Mauna Kea; and

15 (15) All contracts or professional services used for but  
16 not limited to:

17 (A) The Mauna Kea comprehensive management plan;

18 (B) Creating, implementing, and evaluating the  
19 comprehensive management plan; and

20 (C) Environmental impact studies conducted since  
21 2010.



1 (b) The state auditor shall have all the powers  
2 established pursuant to chapter 23, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
3 including the power to subpoena any related licenses, grants,  
4 commercial activities, patents, intellectual property, and  
5 astronomical observation time at the University of Hawaii  
6 related to Mauna Kea, and anyone who has a financial interest in  
7 Mauna Kea permitted by state law.

8 SECTION 2. The auditor shall submit a report of its  
9 findings and any recommendations, including any proposed  
10 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
11 to the convening of the regular session of 2020.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for  
15 the auditor to conduct a forensic financial audit of the  
16 University of Hawaii's activities related to Mauna Kea pursuant  
17 to this Act.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
19 auditor for the purposes of this Act.

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



**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; Mauna Kea; Audit; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the auditor to conduct a forensic financial audit of the University of Hawaii's activities related to Mauna Kea. Report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. (Proposed SD1)

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