

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Chapter 195D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
2	amended b	y adding a new section to be appropriately designated	
3	and to read as follows:		
4	" <u>§</u> 19	5D- Wildlife conservation special fund;	
5	establish	ment; disposition. (a) There is established in the	
6	state tre	asury the wildlife conservation special fund, which	
7	shall con	sist of:	
8	(1)	Moneys appropriated to the fund by the legislature;	
9	(2)	All interest attributable to investment of money	
10		deposited in the fund;	
11	(3)	Moneys deposited in the fund from the environmental	
12		response, energy, and food security tax pursuant to	
13		section 243-3.5; and	
14	(4)	Money allotted to the fund from other sources.	
15	(b)	Moneys from the fund:	

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1	(1) Shall be expended by the department to maintain		
2	capacity for response for oiled wildlife remediation,		
3	response, and rehabilitation; and		
4	(2) May be used for habitat preservation and enhancement		
5	associated with sea level rise.		
6	(c) The unexpended and unencumbered moneys in the fund in		
7	excess of \$ on June 30 of each fiscal year shall be		
8	transferred by the director of finance into and become a		
9	realization of the general fund on that date."		
10	SECTION 2. Section 243-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
11	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:		
12	"(a) In addition to any other taxes provided by law,		
13	subject to the exemptions set forth in section 243-7, there is		
14	hereby imposed a state environmental response, energy, and food		
15	security tax on each barrel or fractional part of a barrel of		
16	petroleum product sold by a distributor to any retail dealer or		
17	end user of petroleum product, other than a refiner. The tax		
18	shall be $[\$1.05]$ $\$1.10$ on each barrel or fractional part of a		
19	barrel of petroleum product that is not aviation fuel; provided		
20	that [of the tax] revenues collected pursuant to this		

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1	subsection	n[+] shall be distributed in the following priority,
2	with the	excess revenues to be deposited into the general fund:
3	(1)	5 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited
4		into the environmental response revolving fund
5		established under section 128D-2;
6	(2)	5 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited
7		into the energy security special fund established
8		under section 201-12.8;
9	(3)	10 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited
10		into the energy systems development special fund
11		established under section 304A-2169.1; [and]
12	(4)	15 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited
13		into the agricultural development and food security
14		special fund established under section 141-10[+]; and
15	<u>(5)</u>	3 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited
16		into the wildlife conservation special fund
17		established under section 195D
18	The	tax imposed by this subsection shall be paid by the
19	distribut	or of the petroleum product."
20	SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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INTRODUCED BY:

By Request

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Report Title:

Wildlife Conservation Special Fund; Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax

Description:

Establishes the wildlife conservation special fund to maintain a response to oiled wildlife and preserve and enhance wildlife habitation under threat from sea level rise associated with climate change. Allocates a portion of environmental response, energy, and food security tax revenues to the special fund.

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