A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND USE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that not only is climate
- 2 change real, but it is the overriding challenge of the twenty-
- 3 first century and one of the priority issues of the legislature.
- 4 Climate change poses immediate and long-term threats to the
- 5 State's economy, sustainability, security, and way of life.
- 6 The legislature recognizes that eroding coastlines threaten
- 7 the State's assets that serve as critical infrastructure,
- 8 including the State's highway system.
- 9 The legislature also recognizes that the department of
- 10 transportation has completed the State of Hawaii Statewide
- 11 Coastal Highway Program Report, which utilized a methodology to
- 12 prioritize coastal roads threatened by coastal hazards and
- 13 climate change and identified segments of highway along Hauula
- 14 on Oahu as most critical.
- 15 The legislature further finds that the department of
- 16 transportation has had to conduct emergency repairs along
- 17 portions of the coastal highways in Hauula in April 2019 and

- 1 again in January 2020, and that mid-term and long-term solutions
- 2 must be identified to ensure that the public has access to safe,
- 3 efficient, and sustainable transit corridors to enhance the
- 4 mobility of people and goods and support economic vitality and
- 5 livability.
- 6 The legislature finds that mid-term and long-term solutions
- 7 require land use planning that addresses economic, social,
- 8 public health, and environmental considerations to promote the
- 9 efficient use of resources for the future of the State.
- 10 The purpose of this Act is to identify climate adaptation
- 11 strategy options that address the impacts of coastal erosion on
- 12 coastal highways by:
- 13 (1) Requiring the office of planning to conduct a land use
- study for Hauula, Oahu, that assesses the viability
- and cost of maintaining the transit corridor,
- including mid- and long-term adaptation strategies
- associated with accommodating, protecting, and if
- necessary, relocating, the corridor for the best
- interest of the State; and
- 20 (2) Appropriating funds to the office of planning for the
- 21 purposes of this Act.

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- 1 SECTION 2. The office of planning shall conduct a land use
- 2 study for Hauula, Oahu, that assesses the viability and cost of
- 3 maintaining the transit corridor, including mid- and long-term
- 4 adaptation strategies associated with accommodating, protecting,
- 5 and if necessary, relocating, the corridor for the best interest
- 6 of the State.
- 7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
- 10 the office of planning to conduct the land use study pursuant to
- 11 this Act.
- 12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
- 13 planning for the purposes of this Act.
- 14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Land Use Study; Coastal Zone Management; Transportation; State Highways; Office of Planning; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the office of planning to conduct a land use study for Hauula, Oahu, that assesses the viability and cost of maintaining the transit corridor. Appropriates funds. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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