A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NA WAI EHA WATERSHED.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Na Wai Eha
- 2 watershed in Wailuku, Maui, provides significant ecological,
- 3 cultural, and hydrological value to the island of Maui. It is
- 4 composed of native koa, ohia, and lama forests, hidden valleys
- 5 and mountains reaching five thousand feet, the habitat for over
- 6 forty-five endangered species, and the principal source of
- 7 Maui's drinking water. 8,898.7 acres of this critical watershed
- 8 is up for sale, and it is a rare opportunity to preserve this
- 9 enormous section of the West Maui mountains in perpetuity for
- 10 public recreation and benefit.
- 11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds from the
- 12 land conservation fund for the acquisition of the Na Wai Eha
- 13 watershed in Wailuku, Maui, to protect its scenic,
- 14 environmental, and cultural value.
- 15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the land
- 16 conservation fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as
- 17 may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the land



- 1 acquisition of 8,898.7 acres of the Na Wai Eha watershed in
- 2 Wailuku, Maui; provided that no funds shall be made available
- 3 under this Act unless the county of Maui provides matching funds
- 4 of at least \$ for the purpose for which this sum is
- 5 appropriated. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for
- 6 federal aid financing and reimbursement. The sum appropriated
- 7 is anticipated to be supplemented by federal funds.
- 8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 9 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.
- 10 SECTION 3. The appropriation made in section 2 of this Act
- 11 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the
- 12 appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the
- 13 appropriation that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall
- 14 lapse as of that date.
- 15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

Land Conservation Fund; DLNR; Maui County; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates money out of the land conservation fund for the acquisition of 8,898.7 acres of the Na Wai Eha watershed in Wailuku, Maui. (SD1)

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