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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 and foraging habitats and ensure the continued survivability of
11 the pueo in 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 breeding ecology study and
16 foraging ecology study on the pueo statewide.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 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 breeding ecology study and
7 foraging ecology study on the pueo statewide, including the
8 hiring of necessary staff, equipment, and dissemination of
9 research; provided that the sum appropriated shall include:

- 10 (1) \$50,000 for vehicles and supplies;
- 11 (2) \$150,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) lead
12 researcher and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
13 technician;
- 14 (3) \$25,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
15 volunteer coordinator; and
- 16 (4) \$20,000 for overhead costs.

17 (b) The studies shall be conducted in each county in a
18 sequence of phases, with the next phase to begin upon completion
19 of the previous phase, as follows:

- 20 (1) City and county of Honolulu;
- 21 (2) County of Hawaii;



1 (3) County of Kauai; and

2 (4) County of Maui.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

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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 statewide breeding ecology study and foraging ecology study on the pueo.

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