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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A BLACK CINDER CONE QUARRY SITE SURVEY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that increased  
2 accessibility to ample supply of black cinder is a long-term  
3 economic benefit for Hawaii. While black cinder is limited in  
4 supply, expensive in price, and difficult to access, its use  
5 improves agriculture production and stimulates plant growth, for  
6 which it is used in plant nurseries and the floral industry.  
7 Black cinder is also used in horticulture and landscaping for  
8 its beneficial drainage properties. As black cinder gains  
9 popularity, new uses will be sought, which will in turn increase  
10 and diversify demand.

11           The legislature recognizes that the use of state resources  
12 for research and selection of new black cinder cone quarry sites  
13 can assist industries that use large quantities of black cinder  
14 or that assist in its distribution, including plant nurseries,  
15 coffee farms, flower farms, ornamental industry, horticultural  
16 industry, landscaping industry, residential and commercial  
17 construction, and merchants and wholesalers.



1           The legislature also recognizes that a cinder cone quarry  
2 can only be established through mining an existing cosmic  
3 deposit created by a volcanic eruption.

4           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
5 land and natural resources, in collaboration with the county of  
6 Hawaii, to conduct site surveys on the island of Hawaii to  
7 identify possible locations for new black cinder cone quarries.

8           SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural  
9 resources, in collaboration with the county of Hawaii, shall  
10 conduct site surveys on the island of Hawaii to identify  
11 possible locations for new black cinder cone quarries.

12           (b) All lands owned by the State and county of Hawaii  
13 shall be considered in determining where to conduct site  
14 surveys. Lands owned by private parties may be considered and  
15 site surveys may be conducted pursuant to agreements with the  
16 landowners.

17           (c) The department of land and natural resources, in  
18 collaboration with the county of Hawaii, shall submit a report  
19 of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later  
20 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
21 of 2022. The report shall include:



- 1 (1) A list of lands determined to be possible locations
- 2 for new black cinder cone quarries, including a list
- 3 regarding ownership of each parcel of land;
- 4 (2) Any accessibility issues to the lands;
- 5 (3) Ways the State may help facilitate access to
- 6 interested industries;
- 7 (4) Any proposed legislation; and
- 8 (5) Any other matters the department and county believe
- 9 are relevant for consideration.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 for  
13 the purposes of this Act.

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

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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# H.B. NO. 834

**Report Title:**

Site Surveys; Black Cinder Cone Quarries; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Report; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the department of land and natural resources, in collaboration with the county of Hawaii, to conduct site surveys to identify locations for black cinder cone quarries on the island of Hawaii. Requires a report to the legislature. Appropriates funds.

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