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DAVID Y. IGE

July 6, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 6, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB0834 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO A BLACK CINDER CONE QUARRY SITE SURVEY. ACT 191 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021 STATE OF HAWAII **ORIGINAL**

ACT 191

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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 an 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.

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- 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 the most suitable locations for new black cinder cone
- 8 quarries.
- 9 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural
- 10 resources, in collaboration with the county of Hawaii, shall
- 11 conduct site surveys on the island of Hawaii to identify the
- 12 most suitable locations for new black cinder cone quarries.
- 13 (b) Any lands on the island of Hawaii owned by the State
- 14 or county of Hawaii may be considered in determining where to
- 15 conduct site surveys. Lands owned by private parties may be
- 16 considered and site surveys may be conducted pursuant to
- 17 agreements with landowners.
- 18 (c) The department of land and natural resources, in
- 19 collaboration with the county of Hawaii, shall submit a report
- 20 of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later

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- 1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
- 2 of 2022. The report shall include:
- 3 (1) A list of lands determined to be the most suitable
- 4 locations for new black cinder cone quarries,
- 5 including information regarding ownership of each
- 6 parcel of land;
- 7 (2) A discussion of any accessibility issues regarding the
- 8 lands;
- **9** (3) Ways the State may help facilitate access to
- interested industries;
- 11 (4) Any proposed legislation; and
- 12 (5) Any other matters that the department and county
- 13 believe are relevant for consideration.
- 14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the funds received
- 15 by the State of Hawaii from the American Rescue Plan Act
- 16 of 2021, Public Law 117-2 (Section 9901), the sum of \$150,000,
- 17 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022
- 18 for the purposes of this Act.
- 19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 20 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.
- 21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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APPROVED this 06 day of JUL , 2021

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

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THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 27, 2021 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate