

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the use of chemical-
2 based sunscreen is detrimental to the health of Hawai'i's coral
3 reef ecosystems. The National Ocean Service finds that the
4 chemicals in both lotion and aerosol sunscreens can impair the
5 growth of plants, stunt, and deform animals, and contribute to
6 the bleaching of coral. In 2018, the legislature passed Senate
7 Bill No. 2571, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, signed into law as Act
8 104, that bans the sale, offer for sale, or distribution in the
9 State of any sunscreen that contains oxybenzone or octinoxate,
10 or both, without a medically-licensed prescription. Recently,
11 there have been additional efforts to expand the ban to include
12 more chemicals, such as avobenzone and octocrylene, that
13 negatively impact Hawai'i's fragile coral reefs. However,
14 opponents have expressed concerns with limited stock of approved
15 sunscreens available on island for consumers, which has halted
16 efforts to further protect Hawai'i's coral reefs.



1 The legislature further finds that an alternative mineral-
2 based sunscreen exists that protects consumers from skin cancer
3 and does not harm the reef ecosystems. The first dispenser of
4 this sunscreen in a Hawai'i state park was established in
5 November 2021 at the Waialae section of Hāpuna state recreation
6 area on the west coast of Hawai'i island. The legislature finds
7 that the deployment of sunscreen dispensers at state beaches
8 will ease the burden of securing reef-safe sunscreens for use by
9 residents and visitors alike, as well as further protect
10 Hawai'i's coral reef ecosystems.

11 The purpose of this Act is to expand the use of the
12 mineral-based sunscreen dispensers to all state beaches to
13 decrease the amount of chemicals impacting Hawai'i's reef
14 ecosystems.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
18 the department of land and natural resources to construct and
19 operate non-chemical mineral-based sunscreen dispensers at all
20 state beaches.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 2910

Report Title:

Non-Chemical Sunscreen Dispensers; Department of Land and Natural Resources; State Beaches; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the construction and operation of non-chemical sunscreen dispensers on all state beaches to alleviate the damaging effects of chemical-based sunscreen on reef ecosystems.

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