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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE
HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that one of the most
2 essential factors that must be considered when developing
3 housing is the availability of potable and non-potable water for
4 the residents.

5 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
6 land and natural resources' commission on water resource
7 management to conduct a study on the capacity of potable and
8 non-potable water in various regions in the county of Maui to
9 determine whether there is sufficient capacity for the county to
10 expand its affordable housing supply.

11 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural
12 resources' commission on water resource management shall conduct
13 a study on the capacity of potable and non-potable water in
14 various regions in the county of Maui to determine whether there
15 is sufficient capacity for the county to expand its affordable
16 housing supply.



1 (b) The study shall include but is not limited to an
2 examination of the following, as it pertains to the county of
3 Maui:

4 (1) Natural and artificial water resources that are being
5 used or could be used as a source of potable and non-
6 potable water for domestic use;

7 (2) Water infrastructure, including water systems that are
8 being used or could be used to supply potable and non-
9 potable water for domestic use in various regions of
10 the county;

11 (3) Volume of potable and non-potable water available for
12 domestic use in various regions of the county;

13 (4) Current use of potable and non-potable water in
14 various regions of the county;

15 (5) Projected use of potable and non-potable water in
16 various regions of the county in correlation with the
17 projected population growth in each region;

18 (6) Analysis and determination for each region with
19 respect to:



1 (A) Whether there is sufficient water resources,
2 infrastructure, and capacity to support
3 additional residential development; and

4 (B) What can be done to enable the regions to
5 accommodate additional residential development.

6 (c) In conducting the study, the commission may consult
7 and seek input from any individual or entity it deems necessary
8 to complete the study, including the department of business,
9 economic development, and tourism's office of planning and
10 sustainable development.

11 (d) The commission shall submit a report of its findings
12 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
13 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 the regular session of 2023.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

16 INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 3178

Report Title:

Commission on Water Resource Management; Study; Water Capacity to Accommodate Development of Affordable Housing; Maui County

Description:

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