
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that litter is a
2 continuing problem in the State. In addition to being visually
3 unappealing along roadways and in public spaces, litter is the
4 cause of many environmental issues, such as the contamination of
5 local waterways and the ocean. The legislature further finds
6 that cleaning the environment is essential to the life and
7 survival of the State and the planet. Properly maintaining a
8 clean environment reduces pollution, preserves the biosphere,
9 protects endangered species, and conserves natural resources.
10 The cleanliness of a state represents that state's mentality,
11 and Hawaii, with its abundance of natural resources, ought to be
12 a frontrunner in promoting a clean and healthy environment to
13 protect and preserve its unique natural resources.

14 The legislature also finds that anti-litter campaigns are a
15 proven and effective way to raise public awareness and promote
16 civic responsibility toward the reduction of litter in the
17 State. Currently, the department of transportation administers



1 the adopt-a-highway program, which is a public service program
2 that allows environmentally conscious citizens to contribute to
3 a cleaner Hawaii by using volunteers to pick up litter along the
4 State's highways. The existing program requires a program
5 participant to clean a two-mile portion of a state highway for a
6 minimum of two years, pick up litter on that highway at least
7 four times per year, and provide safety training for their
8 volunteers. The legislature believes that reducing the minimum
9 years a program participant must agree to clean up litter on a
10 state highway to one year will promote increase participation
11 from more organizations and people.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

13 (1) Require the department of transportation to reduce the
14 minimum number of years an adopt-a-highway program
15 participant must agree to clean up litter on a highway
16 from two years to one year; and

17 (2) Appropriate funds for the department of transportation
18 to establish an anti-litter campaign.

19 SECTION 2. The department of transportation shall amend
20 the requirements for the adopt-a-highway program to reduce the



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1 minimum number of years a program participant must agree to
2 clean up litter on a highway from two years to one year.


3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to
6 establish an anti-litter campaign.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

Department of Transportation; Litter Control; Adopt-a-highway;
Anti-litter Campaign; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of transportation to amend the adopt-a-highway program to reduce the minimum number of years a program participant must agree to clean up litter on a highway from two years to one year. Appropriates funds for the department of transportation to establish an anti-litter campaign.

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