
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE INHERENT AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE TO CLEAN WATER AND AIR AND HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS, INCLUDING CLIMATE, AND TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL, CULTURAL, SCENIC, AND HEALTHFUL QUALITIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
2 amendment to article I of the Constitution of the State of
3 Hawaii to recognize the fundamental right of the people,
4 including future generations, to clean water and air, a
5 healthful environment and climate, and healthy native ecosystems
6 and beaches. This fundamental right is rooted in the traditions
7 and collective conscience of the State's people, including
8 Native Hawaiians' traditional and ongoing special relationship
9 to the environment and 'āina. The amendment proposed by this Act
10 will complement existing constitutional provisions and raise up
11 protection of the human health, cultural, and natural values of
12 the environment that are essential to support life in Hawaii.



1 SECTION 2. Article I of the Constitution of the State of
2 Hawaii is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

5 Section . The fundamental right of the people,
6 including future generations, to clean water and air, a
7 healthful environment and climate and healthy native ecosystems
8 and beaches shall be protected and shall not be infringed."

9 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
10 be as follows:

11 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended to
12 recognize that the fundamental right of the people,
13 including future generations, to clean water and air, a
14 healthful environment and climate, and healthy native
15 ecosystems and beaches shall be protected and shall not be
16 infringed?"

17 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2100;
19 provided that this amendment shall take effect upon compliance
20 with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of the State
21 of Hawaii.



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Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Green Amendment; Environmental Rights

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment that recognizes that the fundamental right of all people, including future generations, to clean water and air, a healthful environment and climate, and healthy native ecosystems and beaches shall be protected and shall not be infringed. Effective 7/1/2100. (HD1)

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