

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAILS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii statewide
2 trail and access program, known as nā ala hele, was established
3 in 1988 in response to public concern about the loss of public
4 access to certain trails and the threat to historic trails from
5 development pressure. Nā ala hele addresses trail management
6 and regulatory issues across the State. The legislature notes
7 that according to the Hawai'i State Comprehensive Outdoor
8 Recreation Plan 2015 Update, there are two areas regarding
9 public hiking identified for improvement:

- 10 (1) Demand for more trails or access to mauka lands; and
11 (2) The need for trail facilities and maintenance.

12 The legislature further finds that Hawaii county faces a
13 particularly acute deficit of trails and public land access.
14 There are currently only three legal hiking trails for non-
15 hunters in west Hawaii, as compared to forty-one on Oahu,
16 thirty-five on Kauai, and nineteen on Maui. Many of the most
17 popular trails in Hawaii county, listed in guidebooks and



1 increasingly publicized on social media, involve trespassing
2 across private property. Statewide, in these areas lacking
3 public access to trails, the public often resort to trespassing
4 across private lands. This poses challenges to public access,
5 safety, and landowner liability.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
7 establishment of a permanent full-time equivalent land and
8 access specialist position and a permanent full-time equivalent
9 abstractor position to adequately address the nā ala hele
10 program needs regarding the protection and expansion of public
11 trail access statewide.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$84,730 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
15 establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent
16 land and access specialist IV position for the nā ala hele
17 program.

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

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$82,653 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
2 establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent
3 abstractor X position for the nā ala hele program.

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

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

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Report Title:

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Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys for the establishment of a permanent full-time equivalent land and access specialist position and a permanent full-time equivalent abstractor position within the na ala hele program for the protection and expansion of public trail access statewide.

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