

JAN 25 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KAIWI COAST.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the lands of the
2 Kaiwi coast are an invaluable natural asset for the people of
3 Hawaii. Numerous community members and organizations have
4 fought long and hard over many decades to protect and preserve
5 this unspoiled area for future generations, including preserving
6 land and working together to establish the Maunalua-Makapuu
7 scenic byway.

8 The legislature further finds that a growing interest in
9 this area of Oahu has brought a rapid increase in visitors to
10 the Kaiwi coast. Dangerous conflict between vehicles,
11 pedestrians, and people on bicycles along the highway is
12 increasing the risk of regular injury and death.

13 Collaboration between community organizations and
14 government agencies is necessary to address myriad issues, such
15 as ensuring safety, managing human impacts, preventing invasive
16 species, and restoring the local ecosystem.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to enhance the
2 Maunalua-Makapuu scenic byway and protect and preserve the lands
3 of the Kaiwi coast in perpetuity by establishing the Kaiwi coast
4 state park so the area can be properly protected and managed for
5 the benefit of residents and future generations.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
8 designated and to read as follows:

9 "§184- Kaiwi coast state park. (a) All land within or
10 added to Kaiwi coast state park shall be considered for
11 designation as conservation land.

12 (b) Land in the Kaiwi coast state park shall be preserved
13 in perpetuity primarily in its wild and natural state.

14 (c) Any land added to the Kaiwi coast state park shall be
15 subject to this section."

16 SECTION 3. (a) The following tax map key members, which
17 are located within the Kaiwi state scenic shoreline, shall be
18 designated as a state park under the name "Kaiwi coast state
19 park":

20 (1) (1)3-9-11:002; and

21 (2) (1)3-9-11:007.



1 The department of land and natural resources shall
2 administer the lands pursuant to this section.

3 (b) This Act shall be exempt from the requirements of
4 section 171-64.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the boundary
5 amendment requirements of chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 SECTION 4. The following positions shall be established
7 within the department of land and natural resources to support
8 proper land and parks management at the Kaiwi coast and other
9 areas as may be necessary:

10 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) park caretaker III;
11 and

12 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) interpretive
13 technician.

14 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18 year 2024-2025 for the establishment, planning, and design of
19 the Kaiwi coast state park and Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byway
20 improvements, including safe pedestrian and bicycle
21 connectivity; provided that planning and design shall:



1 (1) Build upon and reflect the direction of recent work
2 for the Maunalua-Makapuu scenic byway and Kaiwi coast
3 master plans; and

4 (2) Include stakeholders who assisted in the creation of
5 the Maunalua-Makapuu scenic byway and Kaiwi coast
6 master plans and local community members who are
7 dedicated to the preservation of the lands of the
8 Kaiwi coast.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
10 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



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Report Title:

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Description:

Designates the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline and adjacent lands as the Kaiwi Coast State Park. Establishes protection and directions for land management and positions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds.

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