
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COASTAL EROSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The University of Hawaii shall establish
2 and implement a two-year program to study the impact of sandbag
3 walls, often referred to as "sand burritos", on sand movement
4 patterns and coastal erosion at Ehukai beach park on the north
5 shore of Oahu.

6 (b) The University of Hawaii shall submit a report of its
7 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
8 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
9 to the convening of the regular session of 2025.

10 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
11 between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2025, no homeowner in the
12 State shall install or use a sandbag wall or "sand burrito",
13 unless authorized by an emergency permit from the department of
14 land and natural resources.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and



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1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year 2024-2025 to study the impact of sandbag walls, or "sand
3 burritos", on sand movement patterns and coastal erosion at
4 Ehukai beach park on the north shore of Oahu.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
6 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Coastal Erosion; UH; Ehukai Beach Park; Study; Sandbag Walls;
Sand Burritos; Temporary Moratorium; DLNR; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to study the impact of sandbag walls, or "sand burritos", on sand movement patterns and coastal erosion at Ehukai beach park on the north shore of Oahu. Establishes a temporary moratorium on the use of sandbag walls or "sand burritos", unless authorized by an emergency permit from the department of land and natural resources. Requires report to legislature. Appropriates funds.

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