
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 sand movement patterns
3 and coastal erosion along the coast between Sunset beach park
4 and Ehukai beach park on the north shore of Oahu. The study
5 shall examine the impact of sandbag walls, tarps, rocks placed
6 in the shoreline, sand pushing, and coastal restoration on beach
7 processes.

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

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



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
 4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 5 year 2024-2025 to study sand movement patterns and coastal
 6 erosion along the coast between Sunset beach park and Ehukai
 7 beach park on the north shore of Oahu, including the impact of
 8 sandbag walls, tarps, rocks placed in the shoreline, sand
 9 pushing, and coastal restoration on beach processes.

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

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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Report Title:

Coastal Erosion; UH; Oahu's North Shore; Study; Sandbag Walls;
Temporary Moratorium; DLNR; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to study sand movement patterns and coastal erosion along the coast between Sunset beach park and Ehukai beach park on the north shore of Oahu, including the impact of sandbag walls, tarps, rocks placed in the shoreline, sand pushing, and coastal restoration on beach processes.

Establishes a temporary moratorium on the use of sandbag walls, unless authorized by an emergency permit from the department of land and natural resources. Requires report to legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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