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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds  
2 to the department of transportation and department of land and  
3 natural resources division of forestry and wildlife for the  
4 purpose of promoting vegetation management to reduce the risks  
5 of wildfires across the State.

6           SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
7 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
8 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
9 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
10 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure  
11 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
12 \$           or           per cent. This current declaration takes  
13 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal  
14 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act  
15 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
16 ceiling are that:



1           (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
2           serve the public interest; and

3           (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
4           addressed by this Act.

5           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the  
8 department of transportation for vegetation management projects  
9 to reduce the risks of wildfires across the State.

10           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
11 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

12           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the  
15 division of forestry and wildlife for vegetation management  
16 projects to reduce the risks of wildfires across the State.

17           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Department of  
18 Land and Natural Resources for the purposes of this Act.

19           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.



**Report Title:**

DOT; DLNR; Wildfires; Prevention and Mitigation; Vegetation Management; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation and Department of Land and Natural Resources for vegetation management projects to reduce the risks of wildfires across the State. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)

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