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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO A CLIMATE ADAPTION AND RESILIENCE IMPLEMENTATION  
PLAN.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii,  
2 as an island state, is on the front lines of climate change.  
3 More frequently, Hawaii is experiencing increased hurricane and  
4 tropical cyclone activity, rising temperatures, hazardous inland  
5 flooding and landslides, coastal erosion and sea level rise,  
6 drought, and increased wildfires in our communities.

7           The legislature finds that many specific plans related to  
8 the State's climate adaptation have been published, including the  
9 coral bleaching recovery report, the Hawaii sea level rise  
10 vulnerability and adaptation report, the multi-hazard mitigation  
11 plan, the Hawaii highways climate adaptation action plan, and  
12 the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. However, there is no  
13 statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan  
14 assessing the overall financial risk to and exposure of the  
15 state associated with climate change.

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1       The purpose of this Act is to require the office of  
2 planning and sustainable development to develop and publish a  
3 statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan.

4       SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by adding to part II, a new section to be appropriately  
6 designated and to read as follows:

7       "§226- Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience  
8 implementation plan. (a) The office of planning and  
9 sustainable development shall publish a climate adaptation and  
10 resilience implementation plan every five years, in alignment  
11 with the Hawaii State Planning Act, state functional and county  
12 general plans, Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan, county climate  
13 and sustainability plans, the Hawaii climate mitigation and  
14 adaptation initiative, the State's multiple sustainability and  
15 climate targets, and best recent climate science available.

16       (b) The purpose of the Hawaii climate adaptation and  
17 resilience implementation plan shall be to:

- 18           (1) Aggregate climate risk and hazard that can be  
19               used for statewide and regional vulnerability  
20               and adaptation planning;

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- 1           (2) Determine the overall financial risk and exposure  
2           to the state associated with recent and best  
3           climate science and modeling available;  
4           (3) Assess a range of options for the State to adapt  
5           to multiple hazards and climate change impacts;  
6           and  
7           (4) Recommend adaptive land use, development, and  
8           infrastructure adaptations to jointly protect and  
9           mutually enhance local economies, the  
10           environment, and community well-being for the  
11           present and future benefit of the people of  
12           Hawaii.

13           (c) The Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience  
14           implementation plan shall incorporate the recommendations of the  
15           Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan pursuant to section 226-65; the  
16           Hawaii sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report  
17           pursuant to section 225P-3; the multi-hazard mitigation plan;  
18           the State's reports coordinating sea level adaptation activities  
19           pursuant to section 225M-9; the Hawaii drought plan; the Hawaii  
20           water plan; statewide community-based wildfire protection plans;  
21           county general plans; and county climate and sustainability  
22           plans, as needed.

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1        (d) The office shall submit the Hawaii climate adaptation  
2 and resilience implementation plan to the legislature no later  
3 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
4 of 2027 and shall submit updates of the Hawaii climate  
5 adaptation and resilience implementation plan every five years  
6 thereafter."

7        SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the  
10 establishment of two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) planner V  
11 positions; one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner IV  
12 position; and computers, publication costs, website and  
13 multimedia public outreach, management and service fees, and  
14 other expenses.

15        The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
16 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this  
17 Act.

18        SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 5. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect  
2 on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Report Title:**

State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Implementation Plan;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop and publish a statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
- OFFICE OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A CLIMATE  
ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE IMPLEMENTATION  
PLAN.

PURPOSE: To require the Office of Planning and  
Sustainable Development to develop and  
publish a statewide climate adaptation and  
resilience implementation plan.

MEANS: Add a new section to part II of chapter 226,  
Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: This legislative proposal establishes the  
State's first comprehensive climate  
adaptation and resilience implementation  
plan. Currently, there is no overarching  
statewide strategy in place to address the  
multiple climate hazards and land use  
concerns, evaluate the State's risk and  
vulnerability, and address various climate  
hazards such as landslides, inland flooding,  
heat stress, drought, wildfires, tropical  
storms, hurricanes, and extreme  
precipitation events.

This proposal originates from the community  
outreach collected and recommendations from  
the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, which  
strongly recommended the development of an  
overarching statewide climate adaptation and  
resilience implementation plan.

This bill seeks to amend the Hawaii State  
Planning Act, Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised  
Statutes (HRS) to establish an official  
statewide climate adaptation and resilience  
plan and require the Office of Planning and  
Sustainable Development to update that plan  
every five years.

This bill appropriates the necessary staffing, planning, operations, and public outreach expenses to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development's Statewide Sustainability Branch.

Impact on the public: This bill establishes the State's first statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan.

Impact on the department and other agencies: This bill supports and aggregates the recommendations made by multiple agencies in relation to hazard risk and climate adaptation needs, with a holistic, centralized statewide view assessing the financial risk to and exposure of the State associated with climate change.

GENERAL FUND: \$500,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: BED-144.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024.