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# 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           The legislature notes that because the findings produced by  
9 this study will be generally applicable to other beaches and  
10 coastal areas statewide, this Act is consequently a matter of  
11 statewide concern.

12           (b) The university of Hawaii shall submit a report of its  
13 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
14 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
15 to the convening of the regular session of 2025.

16           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
17 between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2025, no homeowner in the



1 State shall install or use a sandbag wall on state lands, unless  
2 authorized by an emergency permit from the department of land  
3 and natural resources.

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

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university  
14 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

15 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 a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD1)

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