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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE POLOLU VALLEY MANAGEMENT EFFORTS ON HAWAII
ISLAND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Pololu valley, on
2 the northern coast of the island of Hawaii, is a place of
3 unparalleled natural beauty, characterized by its lush
4 landscapes, diverse flora and fauna, and cultural significance
5 to native Hawaiians. Pololu valley serves as a vital ecosystem,
6 providing habitat to a variety of endemic and endangered
7 species, contributing to the ecological balance of the region,
8 and offering invaluable opportunities for scientific research
9 and environmental education.

10 The legislature also finds that the preservation and
11 protection of Pololu valley are essential to safeguarding its
12 unique ecological, cultural, and historical attributes for the
13 enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations.
14 Currently, high levels of tourism and other visitors produce a
15 significant impact on the area. The lack of nearby restrooms
16 and visitor education have contributed to safety and litter



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1 issues with plastics left on the trail eventually washing up on
2 the shoreline. Without active management, the condition of
3 Pololu valley will continue to decline.

4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the
5 division of forestry and wildlife of the department of land and
6 natural resources for the management of Pololu valley, including
7 various improvements necessary for conservation and protection.

8 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
9 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
10 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
11 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
12 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
13 to be exceeded by \$, or per cent. The reasons
14 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the
15 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
16 interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for Pololu
20 valley management and conservation, including for the division
21 of forestry and wildlife of the department of land and natural



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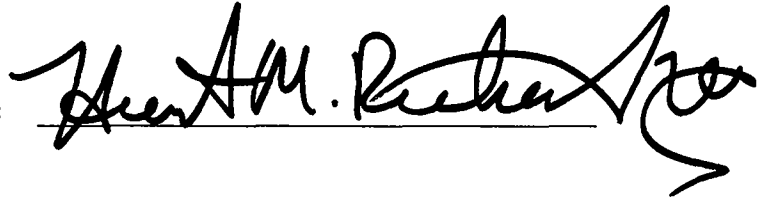
1 resources to develop the trailhead; develop the infrastructure
2 necessary to accommodate parking; install appropriate
3 informational, historical, and educational signage; design and
4 construct restroom facilities; and for full time
5 equivalent (.0 FTE) positions to manage the trailhead and site
6 during operational hours.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Pololu Valley; DLNR; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

Description:

Appropriates funds for Pololu Valley management, including for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop the trailhead; develop the infrastructure necessary to accommodate parking; install appropriate informational, historical, and educational signage; design and construct restroom facilities; and positions to manage the trailhead and site. Appropriates funds. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

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