

JAN 24 2024

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 for the purpose of promoting
3 vegetation management to reduce the risks of wildfires across
4 the State.

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

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



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

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,000,000 or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
6 vegetation management projects to reduce the risks of wildfires
7 across the State.

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

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

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation for vegetation management projects to reduce the risks of wildfires across the State. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

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