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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KAWEHEWEHE BEACH.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the impact of sea level rise is evident in coastal communities where the beach has eroded, causing the deterioration of infrastructure and creating hazardous conditions for both resident and visitor pedestrians. In certain areas of Waikiki, walkways are narrow, inaccessible to those who cannot use stairs, and often overtopped by sand and crashing waves, creating an extremely hazardous condition.

8 The legislature also finds that Waikiki's waterfront has 9 deteriorated to become discontinuous and dangerous, with a large 10 segment of the beach, known as the Halekulani beach sector, 11 inaccessible from the shoreline. The condition of the 12 waterfront inhibits accessibility between hotels, restaurants, 13 sailing charters, and other businesses that serve both visitors 14 and residents.

15 The legislature further finds that the improvement of 16 public access infrastructure is a way to regenerate connections 17 and revitalize the businesses in this area of Waikiki. It may



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1 also serve as an example of how coastal communities can 2 incorporate sea level rise and coastal hazards into planning and 3 adaptation processes moving forward. One of the most innovative 4 and important aspects of this effort is the proposal to develop 5 a stakeholder-driven design process by conducting extensive 6 community engagement; incorporating innovative research on 7 climate adaptation from the university of Hawaii, including 8 local design and engineering firms; and collaborating with 9 numerous stakeholders on a mutually beneficial project.

10 The legislature recognizes that the Waikiki Beach Special 11 Improvement District Association, university of Hawaii sea grant 12 program, and Waikiki resilience and sea level rise adaptation 13 project are recent examples of community engagement and outreach 14 in Waikiki. These organizations and programs conduct ongoing 15 community outreach and engagement to build a shared 16 understanding and vision for the future of Waikiki as an urban 17 center.

18 The legislature further recognizes that the construction of 19 a lateral public beach accessway at Kawehewehe beach between 20 Fort DeRussy beach and Waikiki beach would dovetail with plans 21 already funded by the legislature through a beach restoration



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pilot program as well as planned groins that keep the sand in
 place as part of the Waikiki beach improvement and maintenance
 project.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
funds for the capital improvement project to plan, design, and
reconstruct a public access route between Fort DeRussy beach and
Waikiki beach.

8 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue 9 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$6,300,000 or so much 10 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof 11 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2024-2025, 12 for the following capital improvement project:

13 1. Kawehewehe Beach, Oahu

14 A. Plan, design, and reconstruction

15 of a public access route between

16 Fort DeRussy beach and Waikiki

17 beach.

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 Plans
 \$700,000

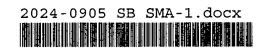
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 Design
 \$250,000

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 Fees
 \$250,000

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 Outreach
 \$100,000



1	Construction	\$5,000,000
2	Total funding	\$6,300,000
3	SECTION 3. The appropriation	on made for the capital
4	improvement project authorized by	y this Act shall not lapse at
5	the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made;	
6	provided that all moneys from the appropriation that is	
7	unencumbered as of June 30, 2026	, shall lapse as of that date.
8	SECTION 4. The sum appropr	iated for the respective capital
9	improvement project set forth in	section 2 shall be expended by
10	the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of	
11	this Act.	
12	SECTION 5. This Act shall	take effect on July 1, 2024.
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### Report Title:

CIP; Kawehewehe Beach; Fort DeRussy Beach; Waikiki Beach; Public Access Route

### Description:

Appropriates funds for a capital improvement project to plan, design, and reconstruct a public access route between Fort DeRussy Beach and Waikiki Beach.

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