
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of land and natural
2 resources shall establish and implement a community fuels
3 reduction project to reduce hazardous wildfire fuels on state
4 lands, particularly on lands adjacent to communities. Where
5 feasible, the community fuels reduction project shall:

6 (1) Reduce hazardous wildfire fuels on the landscape that
7 threaten watersheds, communities, and critical public
8 infrastructure, such as powerlines and communication
9 facilities;

10 (2) Create and maintain effective firebreaks along
11 undeveloped state properties that border a developed
12 parcel, including but not limited to schools and
13 residential and commercial properties, by removing and
14 clearing flammable vegetation and combustibile growth
15 from areas within thirty feet of the developed parcel;

16 (3) Reduce flammable grasses on the landscape through
17 projects like managed grazing; and



1 (4) Provide water infrastructure for grazing and fire
2 suppression.

3 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall
4 submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days
5 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026 and each
6 year thereafter on progress made toward meeting the requirements
7 of subsection (a).

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
12 year 2026-2027 for the department of land and natural resources'
13 division of forestry and wildlife's community fuels reduction
14 project to support wildfire prevention and hazardous fuel
15 reduction measures pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. Beginning with fiscal year 2027-2028 and each
19 fiscal year thereafter, the department of land and natural
20 resources shall establish the community fuels reduction project
21 as a separate line item within the department's budget.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DLNR; Community Fuels Reduction Project; Report; Budget;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Community Fuels Reduction Project to be administered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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