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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENDEMIC PLANTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that seed banks are one  
2 of the most prevalent and practical approaches to the  
3 conservation of resources for habitat restoration and are  
4 important in preserving plant biodiversity. Endemic seed  
5 banking has become increasingly important as over one-half of  
6 Hawaii's native flora are at risk of extirpation or extinction  
7 due to human impacts. The legislature therefore finds that this  
8 Act is an issue of statewide concern.

9           SECTION 2. (a) The university of Hawaii shall establish  
10 an endemic plant seed bank pilot program.

11           (b) The pilot program shall focus on the development of a  
12 seed bank to preserve and promote the planting of plant species  
13 that are endemic to Hawaii.

14           (c) The university of Hawaii shall submit a report on its  
15 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
16 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
17 to the convening of the regular session of 2027.

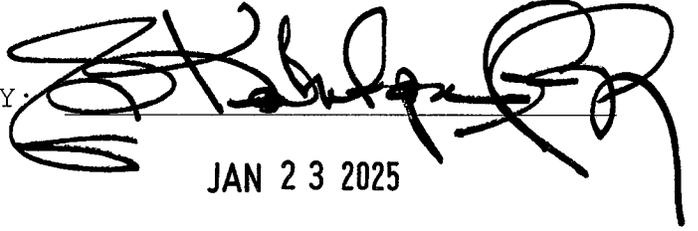


1 (d) The pilot program shall end on June 30, 2027.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; Endemic Plants; Seed Bank; Pilot Program

**Description:**

Requires the University of Hawaii to establish an endemic plant seed bank pilot program to preserve and promote the planting of plant species that are endemic to Hawaii.

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