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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that maintenance dredging  
2 is critical to the upkeep of small boat harbors, channels,  
3 ramps, and other port infrastructure in the State. The  
4 legislature further finds that the current process of waiting  
5 until dredging is imminent to appropriate funds and only then  
6 initiating the permitting process creates a haphazard system for  
7 the allocation of money and the issuance of permits. This  
8 disorganized process sometimes contributes to worsened  
9 conditions at these facilities when increased amounts of marine  
10 sediment and foreign debris accumulate, sometimes up to a height  
11 that can damage the hulls of ships if not cleared immediately.  
12 These unsafe conditions can potentially cause a shutdown of the  
13 affected sites, which are important for recreation and  
14 subsistence fishing and other use by the general public.

15           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
16 department of land and natural resources to conduct maintenance



1 dredging at certain state small boat harbors, boat launch ramp  
2 facilities, and other state boating facilities and waterways.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 **"§200- Maintenance dredging of small boat harbors**  
7 **costs; inclusion in annual budget request.** For each fiscal year  
8 beginning with fiscal biennium 2027-2029, the department shall  
9 include in its annual budget request line-item funding for  
10 maintenance dredging at state small boat harbor facilities."

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
14 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
15 year 2026-2027 for the purpose of conducting maintenance  
16 dredging at state small boat harbors, boat launch ramp  
17 facilities, and other state boating facilities and waterways,  
18 including design, permitting, and dredging work, as identified  
19 by the department of land and natural resources.

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



- 1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DLNR; Maintenance Dredging; Budget Request; Port Infrastructure;  
State Small Boat Harbors; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to include line-item funding for maintenance dredging at state small boat harbor facilities in its annual budget request. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct maintenance dredging at state small boat harbors, boat launch ramp facilities, and waterways. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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