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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DUNE RESTORATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that dune restoration at  
2 Hanakao beach park builds resilience and infrastructure  
3 protection from high wave events and functions as a natural  
4 buffer against the effects of sea level rise. In addition to  
5 cultural practices and community gatherings, Hanakao beach is a  
6 prime location for Hawaiian outrigger canoeing and is the home  
7 for all west Maui canoe clubs. The emphasis on dune restoration  
8 as a nature-based, low-impact solution reflects a thoughtful  
9 approach that balances environmental sustainability with  
10 cultural and recreational needs. The legislature further finds  
11 that, for effective dune restoration, the park needs further  
12 technical guidance and assistance in using the tools of dune  
13 restoration to create productive dune habitat and to restore  
14 dunes and ecosystem services.

15           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for fiscal  
16 years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 to the university of Hawaii sea



1 grant college program to partner with the county of Maui in dune  
2 restoration at Hanakao beach park.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
7 2026-2027 for dune restoration at Hanakao beach park.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university  
9 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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# S.B. NO. 1559

**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; Hanakao Beach Park; Dune Restoration;  
Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College  
Program for dune restoration at Hanakao Beach Park.

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