
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as an island state,
2 Hawaii is uniquely prone to the impacts of climate change. The
3 State is experiencing increased hurricane and tropical cyclone
4 activity, rising temperatures, hazardous inland flooding and
5 landslides, coastal erosion and sea level rise, drought, and
6 increased wildfires.

7 The legislature further finds that many specific plans
8 related to the State's climate adaptation have been published,
9 including the coral bleaching recovery plan, Hawaii sea level
10 rise vulnerability and adaptation report, multi-hazard
11 mitigation plan, Hawaii highways climate adaptation action plan,
12 and Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. However, there is no
13 statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan
14 assessing the overall financial risk of the State associated
15 with climate change.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the office of
2 planning and sustainable development to develop and publish a
3 Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§226- Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience
8 implementation plan. (a) The office shall publish a Hawaii
9 climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan that
10 aligns with the Hawaii State Planning Act, state functional and
11 county general plans, Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan, county
12 climate and sustainability plans, the Hawaii climate change
13 mitigation and adaptation initiative, the State's multiple
14 sustainability and climate targets, and the most accurate
15 climate data available.

16 (b) The purpose of the Hawaii climate adaptation and
17 resilience implementation plan shall be to:

18 (1) Determine the overall financial risk to the State
19 associated with climate change;



1 (2) Aggregate climate risk and hazard data that may be
2 used for statewide and regional vulnerability and
3 adaptation planning;

4 (3) Assess a range of options for the State to adapt to
5 multiple hazards and climate change impacts; and

6 (4) Recommend land use, development, and infrastructure
7 adaptations to protect and enhance local economies,
8 the environment, and community well-being for the
9 present and future benefit of the people of the State.

10 (c) The Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience
11 implementation plan shall incorporate the recommendations of the
12 Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan pursuant to section 226-65; the
13 Hawaii sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report
14 pursuant to section 225P-3; the multi-hazard mitigation plan;
15 the State's reports coordinating sea level adaptation activities
16 pursuant to section 225M-9; the Hawaii drought plan; the Hawaii
17 water plan; statewide community-based wildfire protection plans;
18 county general plans; and county climate and sustainability
19 plans, as needed.

20 (d) The office shall submit the Hawaii climate adaptation
21 and resilience implementation plan to the legislature no later



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
2 of 2028."

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2026-2027 to fund the following:

- 8 (1) Two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) planner V
9 positions;
- 10 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner IV
11 position; and
- 12 (3) Computers, publication costs, website and multimedia
13 public outreach, management and service fees,
14 and other expenses necessary for the office of planning and
15 sustainable development to develop and publish a Hawaii climate
16 adaptation and resilience implementation plan pursuant to this
17 Act.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
19 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
20 Act.

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii Climate Adaptation and Resilience Implementation Plan;
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Report;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to
develop and publish a Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience
implementation plan. Requires a report to the Legislature.
Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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