
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KEAUKOU AQUIFER SYSTEM.

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 a -year Keauhou aquifer system
3 monitoring pilot project.

4 (b) The commission on water resource management, in
5 partnership with other agencies, shall:

6 (1) Collect data from monitoring wells installed in the
7 Keauhou aquifer system;

8 (2) Monitor groundwater levels in the Keauhou aquifer
9 system;

10 (3) Conduct water salinity tests in the Keauhou aquifer
11 system;

12 (4) Monitor the impacts of groundwater pumping on the
13 health of coastal ecosystems and traditional and
14 customary practices within the Keauhou aquifer system;

15 (5) Initiate public information meetings to report on the
16 data collected;



(6) Conduct community outreach to guide the management of groundwater resources in the Keauhou aquifer system;

(7) Integrate existing and new studies and research into a plan for the responsible management of groundwater resources in the Keauhou aquifer system; and

(8) Conduct other related activities as the department of land and natural resources deems necessary to carry out the purpose of the pilot project.

(c) The department of land and natural resources shall submit a report to the legislature every six months detailing, at minimum, groundwater levels and water salinity analysis in the Keauhou aquifer system.

(d) The department of land and natural resources shall determine whether to continue, expand, or end the Keauhou aquifer system monitoring pilot project based on its assessment of the pilot project.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2026-2027 for the Keauhou aquifer system monitoring pilot
2 project.

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

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2026-2027 for the installation of two monitoring wells in
10 the Keauhou aquifer system.

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

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000, and
14 shall be repealed on June 30, .



Report Title:

DLNR; Commission on Water Resource Management; Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Pilot Project; Keauhou Aquifer System; Reports; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for the Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Pilot Project within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds for the installation of two monitoring wells in the Keauhou Aquifer System. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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