THE SENATE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. ¹⁵⁵⁹ S.D. 1

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 Hanakaoo beach park builds resilience and infrastructure protection from high wave events and functions as a natural 3 4 buffer against the effects of sea level rise. In addition to 5 cultural practices and community gatherings, Hanakaoo 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 funds for fiscal 16 years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 to the university of Hawaii sea

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

3 SECTION 2. 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 for dune restoration at Hanakaoo beach park.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university9 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2050.

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Sea Grant College; Hanakaoo Beach Park; Dune Restoration; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program for dune restoration at Hanakaoo Beach Park. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

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