
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MAUI WILDFIRE EXPOSURE STUDY AND MAUI HEALTH
REGISTRY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the 2023 Maui
2 wildfires were the deadliest natural disaster in state history
3 and the deadliest wildfires in the United States in over a
4 century. Beyond the immediate destruction, survivors of the
5 wildfires continue to face toxic exposures, respiratory illness,
6 and mental health trauma. Children, first responders, kupuna,
7 and medically vulnerable individuals remain at especially high
8 risk.

9 The legislature finds that, in response, the university of
10 Hawaii and its partners established the Maui wildfire exposure
11 study and the Maui health registry, which together represent the
12 most comprehensive social and health biomonitoring effort ever
13 conducted in the State. To date, more than two thousand
14 residents have received services, including medical and mental
15 health screenings, biomonitoring, and referrals to care.
16 Residents and families receiving health care services improves



1 the resilience of communities and reduces the higher financial
2 burden of long-term health complications and preventable
3 hospitalizations. Community trust has also been built with
4 Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Filipino, Hispanic, Asian,
5 and immigrant populations, ensuring that underserved groups are
6 reached.

7 The legislature further finds that additional funding is
8 needed to continue providing these services, to ensure long-term
9 follow-up care for all participants, and to expand services for
10 up to three thousand individuals, with a focus on children and
11 other high-risk populations.

12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
13 Maui wildfire exposure study and Maui health registry.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
17 the university of Hawaii, in collaboration with community
18 partners, to expand and sustain the Maui wildfire exposure study
19 and the Maui health registry, including follow-up and expanded
20 services for children, first responders, kupuna, and medically
21 vulnerable residents.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
2 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Maui Wildfire Exposure Study; Maui Health Registry; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii to expand and sustain services provided by the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study and Maui Health Registry. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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