
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that geothermal resources
2 can provide stable power, community benefits, and a viable
3 alternative to fossil fuels. Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii
4 2022, appropriated \$500,000 to the department of Hawaiian home
5 lands as start-up funding for the exploration of geothermal
6 resources on Hawaiian home lands, so that these resources could
7 potentially be used for the generation, transmission, or
8 production of electricity and renewable energy resources,
9 including hydrogen.

10 The legislature recognizes that additional funds are needed
11 for the department of Hawaiian home lands to continue its
12 efforts in collecting geothermal resource data. Appropriating
13 follow-up funding will allow the department of Hawaiian home
14 lands to drill slim holes at certain sites, develop water wells,
15 collect geophysical data, and hire consultants to help navigate
16 the intricacies of geothermal development.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
2 follow-up funding to the department of Hawaiian home lands for
3 certain geothermal resource exploration and development
4 activities and the hiring of consultants.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for:

8 (1) The drilling of slim holes, development of water
9 wells, and continuation of geophysical data
10 collection, investigation, exploration, and
11 identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian
12 home lands; and

13 (2) The department of Hawaiian home lands to hire
14 consultants to assist with geothermal development
15 activities.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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Report Title:

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Description:

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