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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1        SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2        amended by adding a new subpart to part IV to be appropriately  
3        designated and to read as follows:

4                 " .    **Hawaii Geological Survey**

5        **§304A-A Definitions.** As used in this subpart, "survey"  
6        means the Hawaii geological survey established under section  
7        304A-B.

8        **§304A-B Hawaii geological survey; establishment.** There  
9        shall be a Hawaii geological survey at the university of Hawaii  
10      at Hilo. The purpose of the survey is to encourage by use of  
11      appropriate means the full development of the State's natural  
12      resources to the benefit of the citizens of the State.

13       **§304A-C Hawaii geological survey; powers and duties.** The  
14      survey, under the direction and control of the board of regents,  
15      shall:



18           **§304A-D State geologist.** (a) The survey shall be headed

19 by a director, to be designated as the state geologist. The  
20 state geologist shall be appointed by the board of regents.

**21** (b) The state geologist shall, at a minimum, have:



- (1) A master's degree in geology from an accredited college or university; and
- (2) Professional, managerial, supervisory, practical, and technical experience and knowledge in the use of geology, earth sciences, and natural resource planning and management."

SECTION 2. Section 304A-1502, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

**8** amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9        "[+] (a) [+] The staff of the geophysics and planetology  
10      institute shall include a specialist qualified in geology and a  
11      specialist qualified in volcanology or a specialist qualified in  
12      both fields (to be designated as state ~~geologist and state~~  
13      ~~volcanologist or state geologist and~~] volcanologist, as  
14      appropriate), whose duties shall include consultation with state  
15      officials, departments, and agencies concerning possible  
16      applications of these fields and research desirable to  
17      facilitate such applications. Other state geophysicists may be  
18      designated as appropriate in the opinion of the director and the  
19      board of regents."

**20** SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
**21** revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
2 the establishment and operation of the Hawaii geological survey  
3 as established by this Act.

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

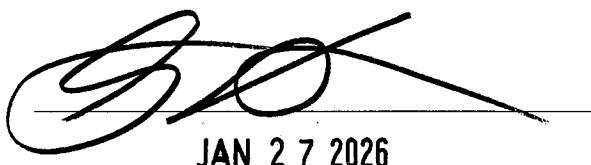
6 SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section  
7 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
8 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
9 the new sections in this Act.

10 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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# H.B. NO. 2409

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Geological Survey; University of Hawaii at Hilo; State Geologist

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii Geological Survey in the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Designates the Director of the Survey, rather than the Geophysics and Planetology Institute specialist qualified in geology, as the State Geologist.

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