
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MAUNA KEA.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Extend for a period of ten years the master lease of
3 Mauna Kea lands that is currently set to expire on
4 December 31, 2033; and
5 (2) Require that all subleases of Mauna Kea lands to
6 astronomical observatories be extended for a period of
7 ten years.

8 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the
9 contrary:

10 (1) The lease between the board of land and natural
11 resources and the university of Hawaii that was
12 entered into on June 21, 1968, as General
13 Lease S-4191, as amended on September 21, 1999, as
14 General Lease S-5529, and that is transferred to the
15 Mauna Kea stewardship and oversight authority pursuant
16 to part II of Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022;
17 and





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10 (c) As used in this section:

11 "Astronomical observatory" means any person or entity that
12 leases any portion of Mauna Kea lands for the purpose of
13 operating a telescope observatory or for other astronomical
14 research purposes.

15 "Mauna Kea lands" has the same meaning as in
16 section 195H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Board of Land and Natural Resources; Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority; University of Hawaii; Mauna Kea Lands; Astronomical Observatories; Lease; Subleases; Extension

Description:

Extends for 10 years the master lease of Mauna Kea lands that is set to expire on December 31, 2033. Requires that subleases of Mauna Kea lands to astronomical observatories be extended for 10 years.

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