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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RED HILL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that numerous fuel spills
2 have occurred over the decades at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage
3 Facility, including the most recent occurrence on November 20,
4 2021. One of the results of the November 2021 fuel spill was
5 the birth of the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI), a
6 working group that met regularly in 2023 and posed questions,
7 conducted research, listened to subject-matter experts, and
8 formulated recommended policies regarding how to address the
9 various, complex environmental and public-health hazards caused
10 by the various releases of fuel.

11 After much diligent work, the Red Hill WAI issued a public
12 report in November 2023 that set forth its findings and
13 recommendations. Some of the recommendations can only be
14 addressed by the federal government, while other recommendations
15 can be undertaken by the State and city and county of Honolulu.
16 The legislature further finds that there is an urgent and
17 crucial need for further research on how to accelerate the



1 degradation of fuel in the environment to prevent the fuel from
2 reaching potable-water sources and for a better understanding of
3 the unique hydrology of Red Hill through groundwater modeling.

4 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
5 to the department of land and natural resources for these
6 purposes.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$11,169,513 or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to be
10 deposited into the Red Hill remediation special fund established
11 pursuant to section 174E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Red Hill
13 remediation special fund established pursuant to section 174E-3,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$11,169,513 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to be
16 allocated in the following manner:

17 (1) \$2,800,193 for studies on remediation of substances
18 released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility;
19 (2) \$4,379,320 for environmental monitoring and testing;
20 (3) \$750,000 for research on groundwater modeling and
21 sampling; and



1 (4) \$3,240,000 for independent testing and verification of
2 water data, to be published on a public dashboard.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources
6 shall seek reimbursement from the United States Department of
7 Defense for all of the costs identified in section 3 of this
8 Act.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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S.B. NO. 2475

Report Title:

Red Hill Remediation Special Fund; Remediation; Monitoring and Testing; Groundwater Modeling and Sampling; Water Data Testing and Verification; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for studies on remediation of substances released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; environmental monitoring and testing; research on groundwater modeling and sampling; and independent testing and verification of water data, to be published on a public dashboard. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to seek reimbursement from the United States Department of Defense.

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