
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
4 the development and implementation of the comprehensive
5 watershed-based water quality monitoring pilot program for the
6 Waikele watershed, including Waikele stream and the Kapakahi
7 stream watershed, which are considered impaired water bodies.
8 The pilot program shall include:
9 (1) Monthly stream monitoring and assessment;
10 (2) Monitoring of watershed conditions contributing to
11 stream health;
12 (3) Identification of potential sources of pollutants; and
13 (4) A report of its findings and recommendations to
14 improve water quality, including any proposed
15 legislation, that shall be submitted to the
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
17 convening of the regular session of 2027.



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

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
6 mangrove removal and other shoreline and stream maintenance in
7 the nineteenth senatorial district and nearby areas, including
8 the Pearl Harbor shoreline along West Loch and Middle Loch.

9 Expenditures may include:

- 10 (1) Phased invasive mangrove removal across shoreline and
11 estuarine areas;
- 12 (2) The planting of native vegetation;
- 13 (3) Necessary maintenance to prevent regrowth of
14 mangroves;
- 15 (4) Biological and habitat monitoring; and
- 16 (5) Coordination with partner agencies, including the
17 United States Navy and the United States Fish and
18 Wildlife Service, as necessary for access and other
19 jurisdictional issues.



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

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DOH; DLNR; Comprehensive Watershed-based Water Quality Monitoring Pilot Program; Waikele Watershed; Report; Mangrove Removal; 19th Senatorial District; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates moneys to the Department of Health for the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Watershed-based Water Quality Monitoring Pilot Program for the Waikele Watershed. Requires report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys to the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for mangrove removal and shoreline and stream maintenance in the Nineteenth Senatorial District and nearby areas, including the West Loch and Middle Loch shorelines. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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