

JAN 21 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending section 6 to read:

4 "SECTION 6. The auditor shall conduct a performance and
5 financial audit of the Mauna Kea stewardship and oversight
6 authority and shall submit a report on findings and
7 recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days
8 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2031. The
9 report shall include a recommendation as to whether the Mauna
10 Kea stewardship and oversight authority is fit to continue
11 management of Mauna Kea lands."

12 2. By amending section 18 to read:

13 "SECTION 18. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022;
14 provided that [part]:

15 (1) Part IV shall take effect on July 1, 2028[–]; and
16 (2) If the auditor recommends, in the report required
17 under section 6 of this Act, that the Mauna Kea



1 stewardship and oversight authority is unfit to
2 continue management of Mauna Kea lands, then on
3 December 31, 2031:

4 (A) Parts II, III, and IV of this Act shall be
5 repealed and sections 28-8.3, 76-16, and chapter
6 304A, part IV, subpart O, Hawaii Revised
7 Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which
8 it read on the day before the effective date of
9 this Act; provided further that the amendments
10 made to section 76-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
11 by:

12 (i) Section 2 of Act 42, Session Laws of Hawaii
13 2023;

14 (ii) Section 2 of Act 186, Session Laws of Hawaii
15 2023;

16 (iii) Section 2 of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii
17 2024;

18 (iv) Section 1 of Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii
19 2024;

20 (v) Section 2 of Act 131, Session Laws of Hawaii
21 2024;



20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 2003

Report Title:

Mauna Kea Lands; UH; MKSOA; Auditor; Act 255, SLH 2022

Description:

Requires the Auditor's report pursuant to section 4 of Act 255, SLH 2022, to include a recommendation as to whether the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority is fit to continue management of Mauna Kea lands. If the Auditor recommends that the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority is unfit to continue management of Mauna Kea lands, provides for the repeal of the Authority and reversion of management authority over Mauna Kea lands to the University of Hawaii.

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