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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has  
2 prioritized climate change mitigation and sustainable tourism  
3 through Act 96, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025 (Act 96). Act 96  
4 enacted section 37-79, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires  
5 that additional general fund revenues associated with increased  
6 transient accommodations tax collections be requested in the  
7 executive budget and be expended equally across eligible  
8 projects that:

9           (1) Protect, manage, and restore the State's natural  
10 resources, including native forests, native plants and  
11 animals, aquatic resources, coastal lands, and  
12 freshwater resources;

13           (2) Increase the resilience of structures and  
14 infrastructure to natural and climate-related  
15 disasters, such as hurricanes and sea level rise, and  
16 perform hazard mitigation activities, such as wildfire  
17 and flood mitigation; and



1 (3) Improve the visitor experience, mitigate the impacts  
2 of tourism on the natural environment, ensure that the  
3 State's natural resources are maintained for future  
4 residents and visitors, and support destination  
5 management, such as park improvements and beach  
6 improvement, nourishment, and maintenance projects.

7 The legislature further finds that the department of  
8 Hawaiian home lands manages numerous projects that meet the  
9 criteria established by Act 96; however, many of these projects  
10 lack sufficient funding. Appropriating funds to support  
11 qualifying projects will protect the interests of beneficiaries  
12 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, and  
13 advance State policy.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
15 funds for department of Hawaiian home land projects that meet  
16 the criteria established in Act 96 but may not be included in  
17 the executive budget request.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
21 the following projects of the department of Hawaiian home lands:



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- 1           (1)   \$169,000 for operation and maintenance of the potable  
2           water system in Kawaihae, Hawaii;
- 3           (2)   \$169,000 for the Puukapu non-potable improvements for  
4           the Waimea water system on Hawaii island;
- 5           (3)   \$10,000,000 for the Kailapa department of water supply  
6           waterline connection for Waimea, Hawaii;
- 7           (4)   \$7,017,000 for the Kokee ditch in Hanapepe, Kauai;
- 8           (5)   \$156,000 for the Piilani Mai Ke Kai ground maintenance  
9           fire break in Anahola, Kauai;
- 10          (6)   \$10,000 for ground maintenance of Leialii parkway  
11          landscape on Maui;
- 12          (7)   \$25,000 for ground maintenance of various drainage  
13          streams on Molokai;
- 14          (8)   \$74,000 for ground maintenance of dry stream beds on  
15          Molokai;
- 16          (9)   \$424,000 for drainage and fencing for Nanakuli phase  
17          two on Oahu;
- 18          (10)  \$10,000 for ground maintenance of the Nanakuli depot  
19          park on Oahu;
- 20          (11)  \$55,000 for maintenance of the detention basins in  
21          East Kapolei, Oahu;



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- 1       (12) \$6,000,000 for statewide firebreak maintenance;
- 2       (13) \$2,500,000 for road channelization in
- 3             Waimea - Lalamilo phase one, Kawaihae, Hawaii;
- 4       (14) \$600,000 for fire hazards and erosion issues for
- 5             Lalamilo preservation lands on Hawaii island;
- 6       (15) \$617,000 for Laiopua brush clearing and maintenance in
- 7             North Kohala, Hawaii;
- 8       (16) \$300,000 for the Panaewa agricultural lot access road
- 9             to remove invasive species and restore watershed on
- 10            Hawaii island;
- 11       (17) \$575,000 for gorse containment in Humuula, Hawaii;
- 12       (18) \$250,000 for erosion and flood mitigation in Kawaihae,
- 13            Hawaii;
- 14       (19) \$150,000 for an emergency evacuation route in Kailapa,
- 15            Kawaihae, Hawaii;
- 16       (20) \$1,000,000 for firebreak and maintenance in Kawaihae,
- 17            Hawaii;
- 18       (21) \$500,000 for firebreak and maintenance in Laiopua,
- 19            Hawaii;
- 20       (22) \$1,000,000 for firebreak and maintenance in Puukapu,
- 21            Hawaii;



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- 1       (23)   \$1,000,000 for firebreak and maintenance in Kau/South  
2           Point, Hawaii;
- 3       (24)   \$155,000 for drought assistance in Kahikinui, Maui;
- 4       (25)   \$500,000 for firebreak and maintenance in Leialii,  
5           Maui;
- 6       (26)   \$1,000,000 for firebreak and maintenance in Keokea,  
7           Maui;
- 8       (27)   \$500,000 for firebreak and maintenance in Honokowai,  
9           Maui;
- 10      (28)   \$150,000 for evacuation route planning for Hanapepe,  
11         Kauai;
- 12      (29)   \$1,000,000 for firebreak and maintenance for Anahola,  
13         Kauai;
- 14      (30)   \$250,000 for firebreak and maintenance for Wailua,  
15         Kauai;
- 16      (31)   \$500,000 for flood mitigation for Kaunakakai-Kapaakea,  
17         Molokai;
- 18      (32)   \$50,000 for islandwide watershed protection for  
19         Kauluwai wells on Molokai;
- 20      (33)   \$150,000 for emergency evacuation routes in Kalamaula,  
21         Kapaakea, Molokai;



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- 1       (34)   \$250,000 for wetland stabilization and restoration in
- 2               Ohiapilo, Kalamaula, Molokai;
- 3       (35)   \$1,716,000 for Molokai mauka erosion mitigation for
- 4               Kalamaula Mauka;
- 5       (36)   \$               public water systems pipeline replacement
- 6               in Kalamaula, Molokai;
- 7       (37)   \$1,000,000 for firebreak and maintenance in Hoolehua,
- 8               Molokai;
- 9       (38)   \$750,000 for firebreak and maintenance in Kalamaula,
- 10              Molokai;
- 11       (39)   \$32,000,000 for sewer improvements for Princess Kahanu
- 12              homestead in Nanakuli, Oahu;
- 13       (40)   \$2,000,000 for Kakaina and Kumuhau subdivision sewer
- 14              repair in Waimanalo, Oahu;
- 15       (41)   \$24,000,000 for sewer remediation for Papakolea phase
- 16              two in Honolulu, Oahu;
- 17       (42)   \$252,000 for islandwide tree trimming and removal on
- 18              Oahu;
- 19       (43)   \$1,000,000 for firebreak and maintenance for Waianae
- 20              Valley, Oahu;



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- 1       (44) \$1,000,000 for firebreak and maintenance for Nanakuli,
- 2               Oahu;
- 3       (45) \$500,000 for firebreak and maintenance for Lualualei,
- 4               Mailiili, Oahu;
- 5       (46) \$5,000,000 for statewide geothermal energy
- 6               commercialization;
- 7       (47) \$5,000,000 for statewide cesspool conversion and
- 8               closure;
- 9       (48) \$118,000 for statewide watershed management;
- 10       (49) \$250,000 for statewide natural resource protection and
- 11               studies;
- 12       (50) \$100,000 for statewide financial assistance funds for
- 13               community-led mitigation projects; and
- 14       (51) \$120,000 for a statewide homestead Firewise support
- 15               specialist.

16       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
17 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

18       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



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**Report Title:**

DHHL; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands projects eligible for general fund revenues that are generated by increases in transient accommodations tax collections and intended to be expended equally across projects related to natural resources, climate resilience, and destination management.

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