

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The auditor shall conduct a performance audit of:

- (1) The department of land and natural resources' special land and development fund; and
- (2) The department of land and natural resources' land conservation fund;

and provide recommendations, as appropriate.

SECTION 2. The audit shall review contracts, grants, and memoranda of understanding entered into, awarded by, or otherwise involving:

- (1) The department of land and natural resources' special land and development fund; and
- (2) The department of land and natural resources' land conservation fund;

between the period beginning July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017. The auditor shall examine whether the funds that were expended by the department of land and natural resources were in compliance with laws and in accordance with the terms of the contracts, grants, and memoranda of understanding and whether contractors and awardees were adequately screened and qualified.

SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit a report on the audit, including findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if necessary, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2019.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 to conduct the audit of the department of land and natural resources pursuant to this Act.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the auditor for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

(Became law on July 11, 2017, without the governor's signature, pursuant to Art. III, §16, State Constitution.)