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December 13, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura,
Speaker
and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
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Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of Status of the Program for Environmentally Themed Products to Support the Environment report as required by Section 195D-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, a copy of this report has been transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau and the report may be viewed electronically at <https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/reports-to-the-legislature/2025/FW25-Env-Themed-Products-Report-FY24.pdf>.

Sincerely,

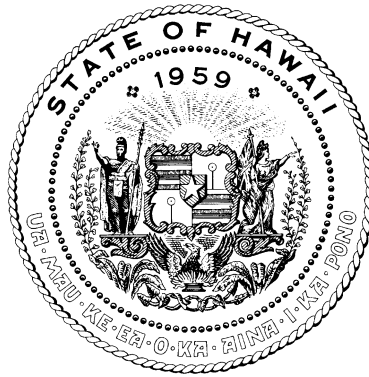
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn N.S. Chang".

DAWN N.S. CHANG
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Enclosure

**REPORT TO THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**STATUS OF THE PROGRAM FOR
ENVIRONMENTALLY-THEMED PRODUCTS
TO SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT**



Prepared by

THE STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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In response to Section 195D-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes

Honolulu, Hawaii
December 2024

STATUS OF THE PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY-THEMED PRODUCTS TO SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

Act 186, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, amended Chapter 195, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by adding a new section to establish a program to financially benefit the environment by the development of environmentally-themed products, such as collectible stamps, credit cards, and coins to be sold to the public. This new section was enacted as an addition to Chapter 195, HRS, but was renumbered to Chapter 195D, HRS, pursuant to Section 23G-15, HRS.

Section 195D-5.5(d), HRS, requires an annual report to be prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) of the Program's products, costs, and revenues to be submitted to the Hawaii State Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of each regular session. This annual report is submitted to fulfill the reporting requirement for July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

FINDINGS

Each product developed under this Program must be approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson and the Governor after consulting appropriate environmental organizations. No new products were produced for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

Notecards featuring Hawaiian native plants and native ecosystems were first printed in 2005. Ten different types of cards were printed, and they were sold as sets or individually.

DLNR, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, published "Wao Akua: Sacred Source of Life," a paperback book featuring essays, poems, and photographs of rare Hawaiian forests, in 2003.

In 2008, "Protect Our Native Species" decals were produced for the license plate decal program. Decals are distributed through the Department of Motor Vehicles, and DOFAW receives \$20.00 for each decal sold.

For the reporting period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, \$1,700 was deposited into the Endangered Species Trust Fund from selling environmentally themed products, according to Section 195D-5.5(c), HRS. There was no cost to DLNR for these products for FY 2024 as all products sold were existing inventory.