



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. **715**

June 13, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 003  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 13, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1280 HD1 SD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
FLOOD CONTROL.  
(ACT 187)

Sincerely,

  
LINDA LINGLE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2005  
STATE OF HAWAII

**H.B. NO.** 1280  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FLOOD CONTROL.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that floods caused by  
2 heavy rainstorms have become increasingly detrimental to the  
3 health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this state.  
4 Floods endanger lives, destroy property, result in adverse  
5 effects to the ecosystem, and disrupt commerce, transportation,  
6 and communications.

7           It is in the best interests of the State to identify,  
8 design, and implement effective, integrated flood-control  
9 solutions consistent with comprehensive watershed management  
10 strategies to prevent property damage, loss of life, or  
11 environmental damage that results from severe flooding. The  
12 legislature further finds that flood prevention through  
13 comprehensive watershed management is many times more cost-  
14 effective than flood mitigation through traditional reactive and  
15 piecemeal approaches to flood control.

16           The purpose of this Act is to fund:

17           (1) A comprehensive watershed management pilot project to  
18           develop comprehensive strategies that establish broad



1 water management goals and targets for entire  
2 catchments consistent with comprehensive watershed  
3 management to control storm water runoff to levels  
4 that can be safely and economically carried downstream  
5 by drainage systems in at least two of Hawaii's most  
6 severely flood-impacted watersheds; and

7 (2) The coordinated implementation of those best  
8 management strategies identified and designed in the  
9 development of comprehensive strategies.

10 SECTION 2. (a) The center for conservation research and  
11 training of the University of Hawaii shall develop comprehensive  
12 watershed management plans to develop the best strategies to  
13 manage flooding caused by storm runoff in at least two of  
14 Hawaii's most severely flood-impacted watersheds as identified  
15 by the center. These plans shall identify alternatives and  
16 land-use strategies consistent with comprehensive watershed  
17 management practices and develop the best means to prevent  
18 flooding by controlling surface water runoff to reduce peak  
19 flows from storms to levels that can be safely and economically  
20 carried downstream by watershed drainage systems. The  
21 comprehensive watershed management plans shall include but not  
22 be limited to:



- 1 (1) Physical and biological watershed characteristics;
- 2 (2) Storm water structures and drainage ways;
- 3 (3) Community-based participatory planning;
- 4 (4) Existing and future watershed development;
- 5 (5) Existing and future land use;
- 6 (6) Relevant community organizations and functions;
- 7 (7) Relevant state and federal institutional functions;
- 8 (8) Traditional approaches based on ahupua'a; and
- 9 (9) Identification of means to lessen the impact of
- 10 urbanization on downstream waterways.

11 (b) The center for conservation research and training of  
12 the University of Hawaii shall coordinate the implementation of  
13 the best watershed management measures developed under the  
14 comprehensive watershed management plans.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the  
18 center for conservation research and training to develop,  
19 coordinate, and implement the best management strategies  
20 consistent with comprehensive watershed management strategies to  
21 control flooding in at least two of Hawaii's most severely  
22 flood-impacted watersheds as identified by the center.

1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the center for  
2 conservation research and training of the University of Hawaii  
3 for the purposes of this Act.

4           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

APPROVED this 13 day of JUN , 2006



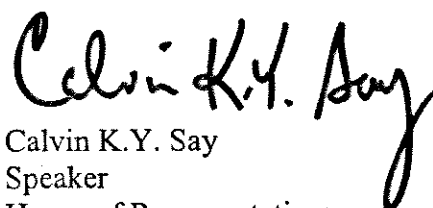
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1280 HD 1 SD 2 CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

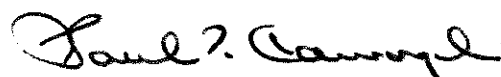
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate



Paul Kawaguchi  
Clerk of the Senate