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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.

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

1           SECTION 1. The rapid home construction that has occurred  
2 on the island of Hawaii has highlighted a need for updating  
3 flood maps in various districts around the island. The  
4 districts of Kona, Kohala, and Puna are especially in need of  
5 flood maps as new property owners build homes that could be in  
6 flood-prone areas. In these districts, older existing  
7 subdivisions were built without the benefit of a flood study or  
8 mapping effort. When new homes are built, the homeowners may be  
9 unknowingly exposing themselves to flood danger and also may be  
10 diverting flood runoff to areas that previously never flooded.

11           With the help of new flood maps, the county of Hawaii would  
12 be able to advise property owners of potential flood hazards so  
13 they can make informed decisions about where to build or how  
14 best to protect their assets. Therefore, there is an urgent  
15 need for county government to identify and designate areas on  
16 flood maps that can and will experience periodic flooding. Once  
17 these flood plains are identified, potential home builders can



1 be warned and precautions taken through the building permit  
2 review and approval process.

3 In addition to helping property owners who may be building  
4 new homes, these maps will also help existing homeowners to  
5 obtain the appropriate level of flood insurance protection  
6 should their homes already be located on a flood plain.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State the sum of \$10,000,000, or so much thereof  
9 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for flood plain  
10 management in the county of Hawaii.

11 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
12 county of Hawaii for the purpose of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 

By Request



SB 2407

**Report Title:**

County of Hawaii; Appropriation; Flood Plain Management

**Description:**

Appropriates \$10,000,000 to the county of Hawaii for flood plain management.

