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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KAWAI NUI MARSH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Kawai Nui marsh, encompassing approximately  
2 eight hundred thirty acres of land in Kailua, Oahu, is the  
3 State's largest remaining wetland and an ecological treasure.  
4 It has been identified by the United States Fish and Wildlife  
5 Service as a primary habitat for endemic and endangered native  
6 Hawaiian birds. Last year, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands  
7 designated Kawai Nui marsh a wetland of international  
8 importance.

9 Act 47, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998, transferred the bulk  
10 of the land at Kawai Nui marsh to the State; however, the city  
11 and county of Honolulu and the United States Army Corps of  
12 Engineers were to have completed all flood control projects in  
13 the marsh and the State was to enter into any required operation  
14 and maintenance agreement with the United States Corps of  
15 Engineers.

16 SECTION 2. The city and county of Honolulu is directed to  
17 comply with the requirements of Act 47, Session Laws of Hawaii  
18 1998, by July 1, 2006. Further Act 47, Session Laws of Hawaii



1 1998, notwithstanding, the city and county of Honolulu shall  
2 continue to maintain Kaelepulu drainage channel and all feeder  
3 drains to the Kaelepulu drainage channel.

4 SECTION 3. All land transfers required by Act 47, Session  
5 Laws of Hawaii 1998, shall be completed no later than July 1,  
6 2006.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**SB. NO. 3095**

**Report Title:**

Kawai Nui Marsh; Appropriation

**Description:**

Directs city and county of Honolulu to comply with Act 47, SLH 1998, by 7/1/06; requires all land transfer pursuant to Act 47 to be completed by 7/1/06.

