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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ALA WAI WATERSHED.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that conservation land  
2 trusts have been successful in providing a variety of public  
3 benefits, such as the preservation of private land for public  
4 use. The legislature further finds that the concept of a land  
5 trust to assist in addressing the flooding, pollution, and  
6 ecosystem degradation of the Ala Wai watershed should be  
7 explored.

8           The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for the  
9 Ala Wai watershed.

10          SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources  
11 shall conduct a study, including solicitation of community  
12 input, to evaluate the options, policy foundations, and  
13 technical assessments on the use of land trusts to address the  
14 flooding, pollution, and ecosystem degradation of the rivers and  
15 streams within the Ala Wai watershed. The department of land  
16 and natural resources shall report findings and recommendations  
17 to the legislature not later than twenty days prior to the  
18 convening of the regular session of 2009.



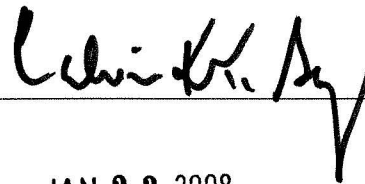
1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
4 purposes of this Act.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
6 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Ala Wai Watershed Project; Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation to the department of land and natural resources to study the use of land trusts and easements to reduce flooding and pollution in the Ala Wai watershed.

