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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO BEACHES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the courts of this  
2 state and the legislature have consistently supported and  
3 ensured the rights of the public to access the shoreline and  
4 inland mountain areas of the state for recreational and cultural  
5 purposes. One factor that has led to denial of public access to  
6 certain shoreline and inland areas is the proliferation of  
7 private communities with gates, guard stations, and private  
8 roadways. Another factor that contributes to the lack of public  
9 access, especially to beaches, is the lack of parking areas for  
10 access to the shoreline.

11           The legislature believes that a critical step in solving  
12 this issue is to definitively locate all existing public access  
13 ways to the shorelines throughout the state.

14           The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to survey and  
15 map all existing public access ways to shorelines throughout the  
16 state.

17           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$   or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to  
2 survey and map all existing public access ways to shoreline  
3 areas throughout the state.

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

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Shoreline; Public Access; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the department of land and natural resources to survey and map all existing public access ways to shoreline areas. Effective 07/01/2020. (HB839 HD1)

