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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WAIMANO RIDGE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that certain uses of
2 state-owned lands in the Waimano ridge area of Oahu have created
3 unnecessary friction between the state administration and the
4 surrounding community residents. Over the past seven years, the
5 state administration has systematically increased the use of
6 state-owned lands in the Waimano ridge area in ways that have
7 disenfranchised the surrounding community residents and placed
8 them in potential harm's way.

9 Recently, testing of viruses and other potentially
10 dangerous specimens has occurred at the department of health's
11 laboratory located on state-owned Waimano ridge lands. While
12 the original master plan for the area did envision the
13 laboratory being built there, area residents were led to believe
14 that the laboratory was to be used primarily to test water
15 quality and food samples. Due to the heightened state of
16 terrorism awareness and recent outbreaks of Norovirus, West Nile
17 virus, and bird flu, testing for these potentially fatal



1 diseases was occurring without the knowledge of area residents.
2 These potentially dangerous activities were being conducted
3 within a close proximity to public schools, placing children at
4 risk. The legislature found that the concerns of these students
5 and their parents had gone unheeded by the department of health
6 and the state administration for too long.

7 In the early 1990s, there was a collaborative government
8 and community effort to establish a master plan for the Waimano
9 ridge area. This master plan was formulated by the department
10 of health with community input and was designed to create a
11 "totally integrated community" where activities on the state-
12 owned Waimano ridge lands would be community-friendly.
13 Unfortunately, the legislature found that the department of
14 health and the state administration had strayed from the
15 original intent of the master plan and approved uses of the
16 Waimano ridge lands without the consent of and without regard to
17 the Waimano community.

18 Therefore, in 2005, the legislature enacted Act 7, Special
19 Session Laws of Hawaii 2005 (Act 7), which requires the
20 department of health to give prior notice to the local
21 neighborhood board and the members of the legislature from the
22 affected districts and obtain approval of the governor for any



1 use of state-owned land under its jurisdiction in the Waimano
2 ridge area prior to use of the land. Additionally, Act 7
3 requires the department to prepare an updated master plan for
4 the Waimano ridge lands.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
6 facilitate the establishment of a "totally integrated community"
7 where activities on the state-owned Waimano ridge lands will be
8 community-friendly by, among other things, funding the
9 activities of the Waimano ridge task force and establishing a
10 comprehensive Waimano ridge master plan.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
14 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
15 year 2008-2009, for the Waimano ridge task force operating
16 expenses.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
18 of health for the purposes of this section.

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and



1 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year 2008-2009, for a Waimano ridge comprehensive master plan.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of health for the purposes of this section.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
8 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2008-2009, for permanent, full-time Waimano ridge
10 facilities manager position.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
12 of health for the purposes of this section.

13 SECTION 5. The director of finance is authorized to issue
14 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$, or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum, or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for fiscal year
17 2007-2008 for the following projects for Waimano ridge lands.

18 1. Building demolition.

19 \$

20 2. Water system upgrade and building
21 improvements.

22 \$



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this
3 section.

4 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.
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Report Title:

Waimano Ridge; Capital Improvement Projects; Funds Task Force

Description:

Issues general obligations bonds for capital improvements to the Waimano ridge facilities and lands. Appropriates funds to support the Waimano ridge task force for operating expenses and for a comprehensive masterplan.

