

REPORT Title:

Waimano Ridge; Capital Improvement Projects; Funds Task Force

Description:

Authorizes issuance of 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 master plan. (SD2)

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. ⁸¹⁰
S.D. 2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

relating to waimano ridge.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that good communication and relations between the state administration and the residents of the Waimano ridge community are imperative in planning the use of the state-owned lands in the Waimano ridge area.

The legislature further finds that a new or updated master plan for the state-owned Waimano ridge lands is necessary. In the early 1990s, there was a collaborative government and community effort to establish a master plan for the Waimano ridge area. This master plan was formulated by the department of health with community input and was designed to create a "totally integrated community" where activities on the state-owned Waimano ridge lands would be

community-friendly. However, after the plan was developed, the State's economy took a downturn and the in-patient care facility on the Waimano ridge closed, which significantly affected the implementation of the master plan.

In 2005, the legislature enacted Act 7, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, which required the department of health to give prior notice to the Waimano neighborhood board and the members of the legislature from that district and to obtain the approval of the governor for any use of state-owned land under the department's jurisdiction in the Waimano ridge area prior to use of the land. Additionally, Act 7 required the department to prepare an updated master plan for the Waimano ridge lands.

In 2006, the legislature and the department of health convened the Waimano ridge task force to improve communications and relations between the community and the State and to lay the groundwork for a new master plan.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to facilitate the establishment of a "totally integrated community" where activities on the state-owned Waimano ridge lands will be community-friendly by funding the activities of the Waimano ridge task force and establishing a comprehensive Waimano ridge master plan.

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

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

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009, to update the Waimano ridge comprehensive master plan.

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

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

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

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

1. Building demolition.

\$

2. Water system upgrade and building improvements.

\$

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of accounting and general services for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.