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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A PILOT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that within the division  
2 of conservation and resource enforcement of the department of  
3 land and natural resources, there is a growing need to create  
4 meaningful and sustainable partnerships with communities in  
5 order to better manage and protect Hawaii's unique and treasured  
6 natural and cultural resources.

7           The legislature finds that this need may be fulfilled  
8 through a community conservation program to educate ocean  
9 resource users on resource protection laws. By doing so, it is  
10 anticipated that the number of resource violations may be  
11 reduced through outreach, increased enforcement presence, and  
12 community empowerment. The legislature believes that by  
13 implementing a new operations model, the division will better  
14 serve the cultural and environmental needs of the people of  
15 Hawaii, while protecting the natural resources of our island  
16 state.



1           The purpose of this Act is to create a pilot community  
2 conservation program, utilizing community partnerships, on the  
3 island of Maui.

4           SECTION 2. (a) There is established in the division of  
5 conservation and resource enforcement, Maui district office, a  
6 five-year pilot community conservation program to educate ocean  
7 resource users on resource protection laws.

8           (b) As used in this Act, unless the context requires  
9 otherwise:

10           "Department" means the department of land and natural  
11 resources.

12           "Makai watch" means a community-based marine management  
13 program that empowers local communities to sustainably manage  
14 coastal resources.

15           (c) The pilot community conservation program shall engage  
16 in the following activities in the near-shore environment in the  
17 moku of Lahaina and Kaanapali:

18           (1) Training volunteers in resource laws and enforcement;

19           (2) Conducting education and outreach to natural resource  
20 users on resource enforcement regulations;



1 (3) Coordinating with makai watch communities interested  
2 in sustainably managing natural and cultural resources  
3 in their ahupuaa;

4 (4) Enforcing all natural resource laws; and

5 (5) Identifying new rules necessary to ensure the long  
6 term sustainability of near-shore marine resources.

7 (d) To carry out the purposes of this Act, the department  
8 is authorized to fill up to ten full-time equivalent positions  
9 in the Maui district office of the division of conservation and  
10 resource enforcement subject to chapter 76 as follows:

11 (1) One conservation resource enforcement officer (IV)  
12 position that shall manage and supervise the community  
13 conservation program, supervise conservation resource  
14 enforcement officers assigned to the program, and  
15 develop the conservation resource enforcement officer  
16 program;

17 (2) Two conservation resource enforcement officer (III)  
18 positions that shall be assigned, respectively, to the  
19 moku of Lahaina and the moku of Kaanapali. These  
20 positions shall utilize traditional, native Hawaiian  
21 boundaries to identify each "moku" in which they will  
22 be serving;



- 1           (3) One conservation resource enforcement officer (IV)  
2                   position that shall assist the branch chief in  
3                   managing and maintaining operational oversight on all  
4                   programs under the Maui district office of the  
5                   division of conservation and resource enforcement;
- 6           (4) One education specialist position that shall increase  
7                   public awareness and participation in environmental  
8                   management efforts through the development and  
9                   dissemination of educational materials, conduct public  
10                  surveys, and solicit information through focus groups  
11                  and public meetings;
- 12          (5) One accountant (III) position that shall manage fiscal  
13                  operations for the Maui district office of the  
14                  division of conservation and resource enforcement;
- 15          (6) One research statistician position that shall collect  
16                  and analyze data on operations and programs of the  
17                  Maui district office of the division of conservation  
18                  and resource enforcement and shall use the data to  
19                  improve operational efficiency and create a proposal  
20                  for use in the formulation of a five year strategic  
21                  plan;



- 1           (7) One clerk typist (II) position that shall be assigned
- 2                   to the secretary to improve administrative operational
- 3                   efficiency;
- 4           (8) One clerk typist (II) position that shall be assigned
- 5                   to the field supervisors; and
- 6           (9) One mechanic that shall reduce or eliminate
- 7                   outsourcing of repairs of vehicles and other motorized
- 8                   equipment.

9           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$650,000 or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009, for  
12 purposes of the pilot community conservation program established  
13 by this Act.

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

16           SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources  
17 shall report to the legislature not later than twenty days prior  
18 to the convening of each of the regular sessions of 2010 to 2013  
19 on the progress of the pilot community conservation program  
20 project, including the number and type of enforcement actions  
21 conducted under this program, number of communities served,  
22 number of volunteers trained, recommendations for changes to the



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1 program, recommendations regarding legislation, and amounts and  
2 means of funding.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, and  
4 shall be repealed on June 30, 2013.

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**Report Title:**

Community Conservation Program Pilot Project; Maui

**Description:**

Creates a pilot community conservation program within the Maui office of the division of conservation and resource enforcement and appropriates funds.

