
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SHORELINE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the beaches and
2 shorelines of Hawaii are among the State's most valuable natural
3 assets. It is in the best interest of the State to preserve
4 natural resources for Hawaii's people and for future generations
5 of residents and visitors.

6 The legislature also finds that due to accelerating
7 erosion, diminishing access, increasing encroachment, and legal
8 bifurcation of shoreline administrative responsibilities, it is
9 imperative to begin a new collaborative effort to preserve and
10 protect shoreline access across the State.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish a task force to
12 create uniform statewide management standards of shoreline
13 areas.

14 **SECTION 2. Shoreline management task force; membership;**
15 **duties; report; termination.** (a) There is created the
16 shoreline management task force to be placed in the department
17 of land and natural resources for administrative purposes. The
18 task force shall consist of eleven members. Appointment of



1 members shall be completed no later than August 1, 2009. Of the
2 eleven members, the chairperson of the board of land and natural
3 resources shall appoint two members to the task force, with
4 representation from the following:

- 5 (1) Department of land and natural resources, division of
6 conservation and resource enforcement; and
- 7 (2) Department of land and natural resources, office of
8 conservation and coastal lands.

9 (b) Of the eleven members, four shall be appointed
10 according to the following:

- 11 (1) One member to represent Honolulu county, appointed by
12 the chair of the Honolulu city council or designee;
- 13 (2) One member to represent Maui county, to be appointed
14 by the chair of the Maui county council or designee;
- 15 (3) One member to represent Kauai county, to be appointed
16 by the chair of the Kauai county council or designee;
- 17 and
- 18 (4) One member to represent Hawaii county, to be appointed
19 by the chair of the Hawaii county council or designee.

20 (c) The remaining five members shall be appointed from
21 community organizations with demonstrated environmental



1 stewardship expertise in shoreline related studies, education,
2 or activities for which:

3 (1) One member to be appointed by the governor;

4 (2) Two members to be appointed by the the senate
5 president; and

6 (3) Two members to be appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

8 The taskforce shall elect from among its members a
9 chairperson and any other officers it deems necessary. Members
10 shall not be compensated, but shall be reimbursed for necessary
11 expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance
12 of their duties.

13 (d) The task force shall convene its initial meeting no
14 later than twenty days after all the members of the taskforce
15 have been appointed.

16 The task force shall draft a comprehensive coastal lands
17 policy that will create uniform statewide management standards
18 of shoreline areas from water to one hundred feet beyond the
19 high-water mark. The coastal lands policy shall:

20 (1) Create uniform statewide standards for public
21 shoreline access that will protect and improve public
22 access for future generations;



- 1 (2) Create uniform setback and other development
- 2 standards;
- 3 (3) Create uniform policies for commercial activities; and
- 4 (4) Consider future erosion, sea-level rise, and other
- 5 environmental changes occurring up to one hundred
- 6 years in the future.

7 The task force shall submit a report and its findings and
8 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the 2010 regular session.

11 SECTION 3. 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 2009-2010 for
14 the shoreline management task force.

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

17 SECTION 4. The task force shall cease to exist on June 30,
18 2010.

19 SECTION 5. As of the effective date of the Act, counties
20 shall not issue any permit for the development of any property
21 on new or expanded footprints within seventy-five feet of the
22 shoreline vegetation line.



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1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009;
2 provided that section 5 shall be repealed on June 30, 2012.

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Report Title:

Shoreline Management Task Force

Description:

Establishes the shoreline management task force to create uniform statewide management standards of shoreline areas.

