
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 resources.

7 The legislature finds that this need may be fulfilled
8 through a community conservation program to educate ocean users
9 on resource protection laws. By doing so, it is anticipated
10 that the number of ocean resource violations may be reduced
11 through education, 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 environmental needs of the people of Hawaii, while
15 protecting the natural resources of our island state.

16 The purpose of this Act is to create a pilot community
17 conservation program, utilizing community partnerships, on the
18 east side of the island of Maui.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established in the department of
2 land and natural resources, division of conservation and
3 resource enforcement, Maui district office, a five-year pilot
4 community conservation program to educate ocean users on near-
5 shore and marine resource protection laws.

6 (b) As used in this Act, unless the context requires
7 otherwise:

8 "Ahupuaa" means the land division usually extending from
9 the uplands to the sea.

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

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

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

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

20 (2) Conducting education and outreach to ocean users on
21 near-shore and marine resource enforcement
22 regulations;



1 (3) Coordinating with makai watch communities interested
2 in sustainably managing near-shore and marine
3 resources in their ahupuaa;

4 (4) Enforcing all natural resource laws, subject to the
5 authority of the department of land and natural
6 resources; and

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

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

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

20 (2) Two conservation resource enforcement officer III
21 positions that shall be assigned, respectively, to the
22 areas of Haiku and Kaupo. These positions shall



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



1 for use in the formulation of a five year strategic
2 plan;

3 (7) One clerk typist II position that shall be assigned to
4 the secretary to improve administrative operational
5 efficiency;

6 (8) One clerk typist II position that shall be assigned to
7 the field supervisors; and

8 (9) One mechanic that shall reduce or eliminate
9 outsourcing of repairs of vehicles and other motorized
10 equipment.

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 and
14 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
15 year 2010-2011 for purposes of the pilot community conservation
16 program established by this Act, including the hiring of
17 necessary staff.

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

20 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources
21 shall report to the legislature not later than twenty days prior
22 to the convening of each of the regular sessions of 2011 through



1 2014 on the progress of the pilot community conservation program
 2 project, including the number and type of enforcement actions
 3 conducted under this program, number of communities served,
 4 number of volunteers trained, recommendations for changes to the
 5 program, recommendations regarding proposed legislation, and
 6 amounts and means of funding.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, and
 8 shall be repealed on June 30, 2014.
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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.

