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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND MANAGEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. To protect the safety of Hawaii's citizens, the  
2 land use commission should prevent the development and  
3 construction of residential or commercial real estate on or near  
4 dangerous unimproved land. The tools to indentify these  
5 dangerous conditions are geological surveys and maps. While  
6 landslides pose a significant risk throughout the State, current  
7 state geological maps should be reviewed to determine whether  
8 the maps accurately identify those areas susceptible to land  
9 failure. These geological "hazard" maps would help the land use  
10 commission to make decisions regarding land classification when  
11 dangerous conditions exist.

12           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
13 department of land and natural resources for the purpose of  
14 developing hazard mapping for use by the land use commission in  
15 preventing residential and commercial development on or near  
16 dangerous, unimproved land.

17           SECTION 2. To prevent the development and construction of  
18 residential or commercial structures on or near dangerous,



1 unimproved land, the department of land and natural resources is  
2 directed to develop a method to identify potential land failure  
3 or landslides that pose a safety risk to the public. In  
4 identifying areas vulnerable to land failure, the department  
5 shall conduct a thorough review of current state geological maps  
6 and determine the adequacy and relevance of available maps. The  
7 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources is  
8 directed to consult with the land use commission to ensure  
9 proper utilization of available hazardous mapping information.

10 The department of land and natural resources is directed to  
11 consult with appropriate federal agencies to determine whether  
12 additional resources are needed to conduct a thorough assessment  
13 of areas vulnerable to land failure. In particular, the  
14 department shall consult with the United States Geological  
15 Survey and the University of Hawaii to take advantage of  
16 extensive geological maps developed by those agencies. The  
17 department shall pursue matching funds available for geological  
18 mapping through the United States Geological Survey Statemap  
19 program.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



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1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 to develop  
2 hazard mapping of dangerous conditions on unimproved state land.

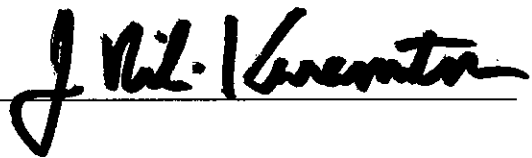
3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources  
6 shall submit a report to the legislature regarding the status of  
7 the department's assessment of vulnerable land in the State  
8 pursuant to this Act no later than twenty days prior to the  
9 convening of the 2011 regular session. The report also shall  
10 include information on the availability of matching funds  
11 through the United States Geological Survey Statemap program and  
12 the status of the department's request for funds.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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**Report Title:**

Land Management; Hazard Mapping

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for hazard mapping.

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