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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an austere state  
2 economy dictates a review of all sources of income to maximize  
3 the use of state funds. This review is necessary to ensure  
4 basic programs in health, public safety, education, and the  
5 environment are not ignored.

6           This Act redirects certain state funds to provide continued  
7 maintenance and support for state environmental programs such as  
8 invasive species control and mitigation, reforestation, and  
9 sediment run-off mitigation.

10          SECTION 2. Section 171-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12           "(a) There is created in the department a special fund to  
13 be designated as the "special land and development fund".

14 Subject to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as  
15 amended, and section 5(f) of the Admission Act of 1959, all  
16 proceeds of sale of public lands, including interest on deferred  
17 payments; all moneys collected under section 171-58 for mineral  
18 and water rights; all rents from leases, licenses, and permits



1 derived from public lands; all moneys collected from lessees of  
2 public lands within industrial parks; all fees, fines, and other  
3 administrative charges collected under this chapter and chapter  
4 183C; a portion of the highway fuel tax collected under chapter  
5 243; all moneys collected by the department for the commercial  
6 use of public trails and trail accesses under the jurisdiction  
7 of the department; transient accommodations tax revenues  
8 collected pursuant to section 237D-6.5(b)(2); and private  
9 contributions for the management, maintenance, and development  
10 of trails and accesses shall be set apart in the fund and shall  
11 be used only as authorized by the legislature for the following  
12 purposes:

- 13 (1) To reimburse the general fund of the State for  
14 advances made that are required to be reimbursed from  
15 the proceeds derived from sales, leases, licenses, or  
16 permits of public lands;
- 17 (2) For the planning, development, management, operations,  
18 or maintenance of all lands and improvements under the  
19 control and management of the board, including but not  
20 limited to permanent or temporary staff positions who  
21 may be appointed without regard to chapter 76;



- 1           (3) To repurchase any land, including improvements, in the  
2           exercise by the board of any right of repurchase  
3           specifically reserved in any patent, deed, lease, or  
4           other documents or as provided by law;
- 5           (4) For the payment of all appraisal fees; provided that  
6           all fees reimbursed to the board shall be deposited in  
7           the fund;
- 8           (5) For the payment of publication notices as required  
9           under this chapter; provided that all or a portion of  
10          the expenditures may be charged to the purchaser or  
11          lessee of public lands or any interest therein under  
12          rules adopted by the board;
- 13          (6) For the management, maintenance, and development of  
14          trails and trail accesses under the jurisdiction of  
15          the department;
- 16          (7) For the payment to private land developers who have  
17          contracted with the board for development of public  
18          lands under section 171-60;
- 19          (8) For the payment of debt service on revenue bonds  
20          issued by the department, and the establishment of  
21          debt service and other reserves deemed necessary by  
22          the board;



1 (9) To reimburse the general fund for debt service on  
2 general obligation bonds issued to finance  
3 departmental projects, where the bonds are designated  
4 to be reimbursed from the special land and development  
5 fund;

6 (10) For the protection, planning, management, and  
7 regulation of water resources under chapter 174C;  
8 [and]

9 (11) For invasive species control and mitigation by the  
10 invasive species council under chapter 194;

11 (12) To promote reforestation and sediment run-off  
12 mitigation; and

13 [~~11~~] (13) For other purposes of this chapter."

14 SECTION 3. Section 173A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:

16 "(h) The fund shall be used for:

17 (1) The acquisition of interests or rights in land having  
18 value as a resource to the State, whether in fee title  
19 or through the establishment of permanent conservation  
20 easements under chapter 198 or agricultural easements;

21 (2) The payment of any debt service on state financial  
22 instruments relating to the acquisition of interests



1 or rights in land having value as a resource to the  
2 State;

3 (3) Annual administration costs for the fund, not to  
4 exceed five per cent of annual fund revenues of the  
5 previous year~~[+; and]~~;

6 (4) Costs related to the operation, maintenance, and  
7 management of lands acquired by way of this fund that  
8 are necessary to protect, maintain, or restore  
9 resources at risk on these lands, or that provide for  
10 greater public access and enjoyment of these lands;  
11 provided that the costs related to the operation,  
12 maintenance, and management of lands acquired by way  
13 of this fund do not exceed five per cent of annual  
14 fund revenues of the previous year[-];

15 (5) Invasive species control and mitigation by the  
16 invasive species council under chapter 194; and

17 (6) Reforestation and sediment run-off mitigation."

18 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



1 shall be repealed on June 30, 2013; provided that sections  
2 171-19(a) and 173A-5(h), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be  
3 reenacted in the form in which they read on June 30, 2010.



**Report Title:**

Environment; Invasive Species; Reforestation; Sediment Run-off

**Description:**

Uses certain special funds to support invasive species control and mitigation and to promote reforestation and sediment run-off mitigation. Sunsets June 30, 2013. (HB979 CD1)

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