
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GREENWAYS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 233, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2011, required the office of planning to develop
3 a plan to establish a statewide system of greenways and trails
4 and to coordinate with and seek input from the department of
5 transportation, department of land and natural resources, and
6 the counties. The office of planning submitted its final
7 report, *Establishment of a Statewide Greenways System for*
8 *Hawaii*, to the legislature in December 2011.

9 The final report stated that the community, county and
10 state agencies, and nonprofit organizations have been
11 participating in various plans, studies, and initiatives related
12 to the establishment of trails, greenways, bike routes, parks,
13 and other projects. However, state agencies raised concerns
14 that while the State should facilitate coordination of greenways
15 and trails, none of the agencies felt it was appropriate for
16 their particular program to undertake the responsibility for
17 planning and implementation. Counties raised concerns related
18 to funding the projects as well as ongoing maintenance.



1 The purpose of this Act is to implement the office of
2 planning's recommendations to authorize and appropriate funds
3 for the development of a statewide system of greenways and
4 trails in two phases.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 225M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
7 and to read as follows:

8 "§225M- Statewide greenways and trails facilitator.

9 There is established within the office of planning a full-time
10 statewide greenways and trails facilitator to implement the
11 statewide greenways plan and facilitate greenways initiatives at
12 the local and regional level statewide. The facilitator shall
13 be appointed by the director of planning without regard to
14 chapter 76."

15 SECTION 3. (a) The office of planning shall contract for
16 up to two years with a consultant to develop a plan for the
17 establishment and implementation of a statewide greenways plan.

18 (b) The development of the plan shall include:

19 (1) Identifying and involving the stakeholders and
20 interest groups for each island in the development of
21 the plan;



1 (2) Involving the public and stakeholders in identifying
2 opportunities, barriers, and priority projects for
3 each island; and

4 (3) Providing public outreach and education regarding the
5 value of greenways and involvement in community
6 greenways programs.

7 (c) The plan shall establish:

8 (1) A framework and implementation plan for facilitating
9 greenways development statewide, including the
10 establishment of state-level positions, in addition to
11 the statewide greenways and trails facilitator, or a
12 state-level program to support implementation;

13 (2) A plan to establish a permanent funding mechanism for
14 greenways support at the state level; and

15 (3) A monitoring component to evaluate progress in
16 implementing the plan.

17 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$188,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to be
20 allocated as follows:

21 (1) \$88,000 for a full-time statewide greenways and trails
22 facilitator established in section 2 of this Act; and



1 (2) \$100,000 for a two-year contract with a consultant to
2 develop a statewide greeways plan pursuant to section
3 3 of this Act.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
5 planning for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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INTRODUCED BY:









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H.B. NO. 2887

Report Title:

Greenways; Statewide Plan; Facilitator; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the position of Statewide Greenways and Trails Facilitator in the Office of Planning. Directs the Office of Planning to contract with a consultant to develop a plan for the establishment and implementation of a statewide greenways plan. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2012.

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