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# 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, while state agencies raised  
14 concerns that the State should facilitate coordination of  
15 greenways and trails, none of the agencies felt it was  
16 appropriate for their particular program to undertake the  
17 responsibility for planning and implementation. Counties raised



1 concerns related to funding the projects as well as ongoing  
2 maintenance.

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

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

10 **"§225M- Statewide greenways and trails facilitator.**

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

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

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



- 1 (1) Identifying and involving the stakeholders and  
2 interest groups for each island in the development of  
3 the plan;
- 4 (2) Involving the public and stakeholders in identifying  
5 opportunities, barriers, and priority projects for  
6 each island; and
- 7 (3) Providing public outreach and education regarding the  
8 value of greenways and involvement in community  
9 greenways programs.
- 10 (c) The plan shall establish:
- 11 (1) A framework and implementation plan for facilitating  
12 greenways development statewide, including the  
13 establishment of state-level positions, in addition to  
14 the statewide greenways and trails facilitator, or a  
15 state-level program to support implementation;
- 16 (2) A plan to establish a permanent funding mechanism for  
17 greenways support at the state level; and
- 18 (3) A monitoring component to evaluate progress in  
19 implementing the plan.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to be  
2 allocated as follows:

3 (1) \$ for a full-time statewide greenways and  
4 trails facilitator as established by section 2 of this  
5 Act; and

6 (2) \$ for a two-year contract with a consultant to  
7 develop a statewide greenways plan pursuant to section  
8 3 of this Act.

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

11 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**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, 2030. (HB2881 HD2)

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