
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii Kai, in
2 general, is one of the most developed areas in the State and on
3 the island of Oahu. From 2006-2008, there were four new single
4 family and condominium developments in surrounding areas.
5 Traffic to the urban core, as is the case with other population
6 centers on the island of Oahu, such as Ewa Beach, Mililani,
7 Kapolei, Aiea, and Pearl City, is a long recognized issue. The
8 strain on county resources, such as sewage and water, is also
9 well recognized.

10 The legislature further finds that the purchase of land to
11 preserve open space or to prevent overdevelopment is not a novel
12 idea. Our history is rife with examples of the purchase or
13 attempted purchase of lands for an important public purpose,
14 such as the purchase or attempted purchases of Waimea valley,
15 Paradise Park, and Punaluu beach, to name but a few. In those
16 examples, the important public purpose was to preserve unique
17 biospheres, open space, and to limit development. In this case,
18 the important public purpose is similar: to preserve open space,



1 limit development, and limit the environmental harms that come
2 with overdevelopment.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to
4 purchase the remaining open space in Hawaii Kai presently owned
5 by Kamehameha Schools and to preserve the land as open space.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the
9 purposes of Section 1 of this Act.

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

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

Hawaii Kai; Open Space Preservation

Description:

Appropriates funds to acquire remaining open space in Hawaii Kai and to preserve it as such.

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