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

10 The final report noted that the community, county and state
11 agencies, and nonprofit organizations have been participating in
12 various plans, studies, and initiatives related to the
13 establishment of trails, greenways, bike routes, parks, and
14 other projects. State agencies agreed the State should
15 facilitate the coordination of greenways and trails but raised
16 concerns that it was inappropriate for their particular programs
17 to undertake the responsibility for its planning and



1 implementation. Counties raised concerns related to funding the
2 projects and ongoing maintenance.

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

6 SECTION 2. (a) The office of planning shall contract for
7 up to two years with a consultant to develop a plan for the
8 establishment and implementation of a statewide greenways plan.

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

- 10 (1) Identifying and involving stakeholders and interest
11 groups for each island in the development of the plan;
12 (2) Involving the public and stakeholders in identifying
13 opportunities, barriers, and priority projects for
14 each island; and
15 (3) Providing public outreach and education regarding the
16 value of greenways and involvement in community
17 greenways programs.

18 (c) The plan shall establish:

- 19 (1) A framework and implementation plan for facilitating
20 greenways development statewide, including the
21 establishment of state-level positions, or a state-
22 level program to support implementation;



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

3 (3) A monitoring procedure to evaluate the progress in
4 implementing the plan.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the
8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
9 2014-2015 for a two-year contract with a consultant to develop a
10 statewide greenways plan pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
12 planning for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2857.



Report Title:

Greenways; Appropriation for Consultant

Description:

Directs the Office of Planning to contract with a consultant to develop a plan for a statewide greenways plan. Appropriates funds. Effective January 1, 2857. (HB505 HD2)

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