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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF PAPAHANAU MOKUAKEA.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
3 as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

6 § -1 Papahanaumokuakea legislative inspection committee;  
7 established. (a) There is established the Papahanaumokuakea  
8 legislative inspection committee, which shall:

- 9 (1) Review the purpose and objectives of the  
10 Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument;
- 11 (2) In furtherance of the State's role as a co-trustee of  
12 the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument,  
13 conduct informational briefings to ensure that the  
14 federal government is in compliance with the Monument  
15 Management Plan established pursuant to the 2006  
16 Presidential Proclamation that created the monument  
17 and the memorandum of agreement between the federal  
18 and state government;



- 1 (3) Examine how federal and state agencies are managing  
2 the resources of the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National  
3 Monument and responding to threats, including threats  
4 from climate change and marine debris; and
- 5 (4) Conduct a site inspection of the Papahanaumokuakea  
6 Marine National Monument once every three years for  
7 the purpose of monitoring the environmental protection  
8 of the site and its sustainable and fiscally  
9 responsible management.
- 10 (b) The committee shall be composed of:
- 11 (1) The chairs of the standing committees of both houses  
12 of the legislature whose subject matter relates to  
13 Hawaiian affairs and water, land, and ocean marine  
14 resources, who shall serve as the co-chairs of the  
15 committee;
- 16 (2) Members of the standing committees of both houses of  
17 the legislature whose subject matter relates to  
18 Hawaiian affairs and water, land, and ocean marine  
19 resources;
- 20 (3) The member of the house of representatives who  
21 represents the district encompassing the  
22 Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument; and



1 (4) The member of the senate who represents the district  
2 encompassing the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National  
3 Monument.

4 (c) The department of land and natural resources and other  
5 relevant state agencies shall assist the committee with  
6 coordination of its site visits.

7 (d) The committee shall submit a report to the legislature  
8 not later than twenty days prior to the convening of each  
9 regular session that immediately follows a site visit conducted  
10 under subsection (a)(4) regarding the status of the  
11 Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument.

12 (e) As used in this section, "committee" means the  
13 Papahanaumokuakea legislative inspection committee."

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
17 purpose of coordinating and facilitating the Papahanaumokuakea  
18 legislative inspection committee site visits.

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

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



**Report Title:**

Papahanaumokuakea Legislative Inspection Committee

**Description:**

Establishes the Papahanaumokuakea Legislative Inspection Committee. Requires the committee to ensure compliance with the memorandum of agreement that provides for the administration of the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument and conduct site visits every three years. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2014. (HB1556 HD1)

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