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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE REVOLVING FUND.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The auditor shall conduct a financial and  
2 management audit of the environmental response revolving fund  
3 established pursuant to section 128D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
4 to determine the extent to which use of the fund is meeting  
5 state and federal requirements and criteria pursuant to section  
6 128D-2(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other applicable state  
7 or federal law.

8           (b) The auditor shall also evaluate the readiness of the  
9 environmental response program with respect to measures and  
10 actions taken consistent with section 128D-2(b)(1)(A), Hawaii  
11 Revised Statutes, in preparation for an oil spill and section  
12 128D-2(b)(2) to support environmental protection and natural  
13 resource protection programs. As part of the evaluation, the  
14 auditor shall consider:

15           (1) Whether the current placement of the program and  
16               responsibility for the environmental response  
17               revolving fund within the department of health, which  
18               has primary responsibility for human health, has been



1 effective in meeting the responsibility under section  
2 128D-2(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2); or

3 (2) Whether management of the fund should be transferred  
4 from the department of health to:

5 (A) The department of land and natural resources,  
6 which has broad responsibility for the  
7 environment, natural resources, water resources,  
8 wildlife, and forestry;

9 (B) The department of defense, which has the  
10 responsibility to respond to natural and man-made  
11 disasters, such as a massive oil spill; or

12 (C) Another department.

13 SECTION 2. The auditor shall report its findings and  
14 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
15 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
16 the regular session of 2015.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Environmental Response Revolving Fund; Audit

**Description:**

Requires the auditor to conduct a financial and management audit of the environmental response revolving fund, evaluate the effectiveness of the environmental response program, and to consider whether management of the environmental response revolving fund should be transferred to another department.

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