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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The water resources research center at the  
2 University of Hawaii at Manoa shall conduct a study of the  
3 increased safety standards for dams and reservoirs that were  
4 adopted by the department of land and natural resources under  
5 chapter 13-190.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules. The study shall  
6 consider:

7           (1) The economic impact on agricultural enterprises of the  
8 increased safety standards, which have had the effect  
9 of lowering the water retention capacity of existing  
10 dams and reservoirs;

11           (2) The impact, if any, of the increased safety standards  
12 on dams' and reservoirs' contributions to the  
13 recharging of aquifers; and

14           (3) The environmental impact of increased stormwater  
15 runoff that is attributable to the decreased capacity  
16 of dams and reservoirs that cannot meet the safety  
17 standards.



1 (b) The water resources research center shall consult with  
2 the commission on water resource management, the economic  
3 research organization at the University of Hawaii, and any other  
4 agency or entity it deems appropriate to conduct the study.

5 SECTION 2. The water resources research center at the  
6 University of Hawaii at Manoa shall submit a report of its  
7 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
8 legislation, to the legislature not later than twenty days prior  
9 to the convening of the regular session of 2015.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
13 water resources research center at the University of Hawaii at  
14 Manoa to conduct a study pursuant to this Act.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
16 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

UH; Dams; Reservoirs; Standards; Study; Report; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the water resources research center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to conduct a study on the impact of the increased safety standards for dams and reservoirs that were adopted by the department of land and natural resources. Requires a report to the legislature. Makes an appropriation. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB2161 HD1)

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