
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WAIPIO VALLEY.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
4 and to read as follows:

5 "§171- Waipio valley advisory commission (a) There is
6 established the Waipio valley advisory commission within the
7 department for administrative purposes. The commission shall
8 advise the department on the development of a long term plan for
9 ensuring the proper stewardship and maintenance of Waipio valley
10 on the island of Hawaii, including but not limited to:

11 (1) Facilitating culturally appropriate agriculture,
12 education, and natural resource restoration and
13 management;

14 (2) Facilitating productive interaction between residents
15 and users of Waipio valley in order to develop a
16 common vision and make recommendations for public
17 policy related to Waipio valley; and



1 (3) Explorsing potential federal, state, county, and
2 private sources of funding for an educational resource
3 center in Waipio valley.

4 (b) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
5 resources shall serve as the chairperson of the commission.

6 (c) The chairperson of the commission shall invite
7 representatives from the following stakeholders to participate
8 as members:

9 (1) The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural
10 Resources Conservation Service;

11 (2) The department of environmental management of the
12 county of Hawaii;

13 (3) The Waipio Taro Farmers Association;

14 (4) The Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District;

15 (5) The Honokaa Business Association; and

16 (6) Waipio valley land owners.

17 (d) The members of the commission shall serve without
18 compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel and other
19 necessary expenses.

20 (e) The commission shall submit an annual report to the
21 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
22 each regular session. The annual report shall include a list of



1 all recommendations made by the commission and the resulting
2 action taken by the department over the course of the prior
3 year."

4 PART II

5 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural
6 resources shall conduct a flood study for Waipio valley on the
7 island of Hawaii. The flood study shall include at least the
8 following:

- 9 (1) Specific recommendations for the control of storm
10 damage throughout the study area to reduce repetitive
11 flooding to residences and businesses in the area;
- 12 (2) A cost-benefit analysis of the recommendations
13 proposed;
- 14 (3) Identification and evaluation of the desired,
15 intended, and possibly unintended effects of the
16 recommendations;
- 17 (4) A timetable for the implementation of the
18 recommendations; and
- 19 (5) Any other issues deemed necessary or relevant by the
20 chairperson of the board of land and natural
21 resources.



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1 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall
 2 submit a written report of findings and recommendations,
 3 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
 4 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
 5 of 2014.

6 SECTION 3. 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 a
 9 flood study for Waipio valley on the island of Hawaii.

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

PART III

12 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Waipio Valley Advisory Commission; Flood Study; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Waipio valley advisory commission to advise DLNR on the development of a long term plan for ensuring the proper stewardship and maintenance of Waipio valley. Requires DLNR to conduct a flood study for Waipio valley. Appropriation. Effective 7/1/2013.

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