
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF MAUNALUA BAY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Maunalua Bay on the
2 island of Oahu is a treasured but threatened resource that must
3 be preserved and protected for the enjoyment of the people of
4 Hawaii. The bay is heavily used by the general public, sport-
5 related special interest groups, and commercial ocean recreation
6 entities. As the population in East Honolulu has grown, demands
7 on the Bay have increased many fold, due in part to intensive
8 commercial use of the Bay and its appeal to tourists.

9 Nine watersheds in East Honolulu flow into Maunalua Bay,
10 and over several decades there has been an urbanization of
11 regional watersheds and the channelizing of natural streams.
12 Moreover, adjoining communities enjoy passive and recreational
13 uses of the Bay. The legislature believes that these
14 communities must have direct input in addressing the health of
15 Maunalua Bay.

16 The legislature is acutely aware of its responsibilities,
17 along with all county and state agencies, to ensure adherence to



1 the public trust provisions of the Hawaii Constitution as they
2 apply to Maunalua Bay. Such undertakings to provide legislative
3 protection and preservation of a natural resource are not new to
4 the legislature. With confidence in the people of Hawaii to
5 work together to reduce conflict while establishing procedures
6 to protect and preserve a valued resource, in 1990, the
7 legislature passed Act 208, which sought development of a master
8 plan for Kaneohe Bay to address many of the same problems that
9 today affect Maunalua Bay. In due course a master plan evolved
10 from community, governmental, and commercial input, to establish
11 short term and long term goals for Kaneohe Bay.

12 The Kaneohe Bay master plan provides a blueprint for
13 effecting change, eliminating conflict, and generating public
14 input to fulfill our mutual duty to protect and preserve our
15 natural resources. The legislature, therefore, finds that the
16 master plan objectives for Kaneohe Bay should serve as the
17 blueprint for undertaking protection and preservation of
18 Maunalua Bay.

19 The purpose of this Act is to establish a Maunalua Bay task
20 force to study and develop recommendations for a Maunalua Bay
21 master plan.



1 SECTION 2. The office of planning shall create a Maunalua
2 Bay task force whose purpose and function shall be to create a
3 comprehensive Maunalua Bay master plan, in consultation with
4 members of the community. Upon approval by the director of the
5 office of planning, the master plan shall be presented to all
6 appropriate state agencies that have jurisdiction in Maunalua
7 Bay.

8 The task force shall be composed of twelve members as
9 follows:

- 10 (1) The director of health or the director's designee;
- 11 (2) The chair of the board of land and natural resources
12 or the chair's designee;
- 13 (3) One member appointed by the governor to represent
14 commercial ocean recreation activities;
- 15 (4) The director of the University of Hawaii institute of
16 marine biology or the director's designee;
- 17 (5) The president/executive director of the Portlock
18 Community Association or the president/executive
19 director's designee;



- 1 (6) The president/executive director of the Aina Haina
2 Community Association or the president/executive
3 director's designee;
- 4 (7) The president/executive director or the
5 president/executive director's designee of the
6 Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center;
- 7 (8) The president/executive director or the
8 president/executive director's designee of the Livable
9 Hawaii Kai Hui;
- 10 (9) The president/executive director or the
11 president/executive director's designee of the
12 Fishermen's Hui;
- 13 (10) The president/executive director or the
14 president/executive director's designee of HULI;
- 15 (11) The president/executive director or the
16 president/executive director's designee of Hui Nalu;
17 and
- 18 (12) The president/executive director or the
19 president/executive director's designee of Malama
20 Maunalua.



1 All appointed members shall be appointed by October 1,
2 2016.

3 The members of the task force shall elect a chairperson.
4 Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same manner
5 in which the original position was filled.

6 The task force shall be placed within the office of
7 planning for administrative purposes and shall have the
8 authority to seek the services of special advisers to provide
9 data and research for development of the master plan.

10 SECTION 3. The task force shall complete and submit the
11 master plan to the director of the office of planning by October
12 1, 2017, for review and approval.

13 SECTION 4. The master plan, as approved by the director of
14 the office of planning, shall include an assessment of the
15 environmental and ecological impacts of activities on the bay.
16 The master plan shall be used by all appropriate state agencies
17 in the adoption and implementation of policies, rules, and
18 regulations relating to Maunalua Bay.

19 SECTION 5. The Maunalua Bay task force shall terminate
20 thirty days after the approval of the Maunalua Bay master plan
21 by the director of the office of planning.



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1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:

Establishes a Maunalua Bay task force to study and develop recommendations for a Maunalua Bay master plan.

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