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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOURISM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Waikiki beach is a  
2 key asset to the State's visitor industry. Preserving this  
3 beach and maintaining public access along the beach are vital to  
4 the strength of the industry. The long-overdue restoration of a  
5 continuous beach along the Waikiki waterfront is a priority for  
6 Hawaii's largest economic industry. Steps toward restoration  
7 should start immediately, since the environmental reviews and  
8 construction process will take time.

9           The legislature further finds that private interests will  
10 provide funding for approximately twenty-five per cent of the  
11 costs to restore and maintain Waikiki beach and associated  
12 amenities. The State needs to do its part and provide funds to  
13 ensure the area remains a world-class destination.

14           The purpose of this Act is to promote tourism by  
15 appropriating funds for the restoration of a continuous beach  
16 and infrastructure for public access along the Waikiki  
17 waterfront.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
4 planning and design of a beach and associated infrastructure  
5 between the Royal Hawaiian groin and the Fort DeRussy storm  
6 drain groin, including a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle path  
7 that allows public access throughout the length of the shoreline  
8 connecting Kaimana beach with Ala Moana beach park.

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

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



**Report Title:**

Tourism; Waikiki Beach; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the restoration of a continuous beach and infrastructure for public access along the Waikiki waterfront.

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