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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF THE FIFTIETH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that beaches are unique  
2 assets of the State created by the natural process of erosion  
3 and accretion. Accreted beach land, in the form of coastal  
4 dunes and dry beach area, is an integral portion of the beach  
5 system. This land holds the fragile carbonate sands that the  
6 active beach relies upon during periods of episodic erosion.  
7 These same lands will once again transition back into active  
8 beach area as the shoreline migrates and sea-level rises.

9           As the shoreline migrates, so too does the conservation  
10 district boundary, where all submerged lands are zoned as  
11 resource subzone. The accreted lands, originally within the  
12 conservation district, will not only return to the conservation  
13 district with subsequent erosion, but also will have a  
14 significant impact on the function and health of the beach  
15 resource to be conserved and protected within the existing  
16 conservation district boundaries.



1 Proper management, achieved through appropriate shoreline  
2 setbacks within which construction is prohibited, will:

- 3 (1) Help to protect development from coastal hazards;
- 4 (2) Conserve and protect Hawaii's beaches;
- 5 (3) Preserve recreational uses of coastal resources; and
- 6 (4) Minimize future impacts to the coastal ecosystem.

7 With long-term sea level rise, and without necessary coastal  
8 management planning, these issues will reach crisis proportions.

9 The legislature also finds that recent events at Kuhio  
10 Beach in Waikiki, Sunset Beach on Oahu's North Shore, and Kailua  
11 Beach by the boat ramp, illustrate the catastrophic result of  
12 inadequate coastal management planning: rising sea levels and  
13 beach erosion on our coastlines. To remedy this situation and  
14 to effect more appropriate laws and policies to protect Hawaii's  
15 beaches, a study to update our beach erosion data is essential.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for a beach  
17 erosion study for the island of Oahu.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the beach  
19 restoration special fund the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof  
20 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum  
21 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017



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1 to subsidize a beach erosion study for the island of Oahu that  
2 shall include the shoreline areas within the fiftieth  
3 representative district.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
5 of Hawaii school of ocean and earth science and technology for  
6 the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Beach Erosion Study; Appropriation; 50th House District CIP

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys to subsidize a beach erosion study for the island of Oahu that specifically includes the shoreline areas within the 50th representative district.

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