
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEEIA STATE PARK.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has
2 coordinated with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
3 Administration to nominate Heeia estuary as a national estuarine
4 research reserve. The National Estuarine Research Reserve
5 System is a network of twenty-nine protected areas along
6 America's coastlines that was founded on the principle that
7 long-term protection of representative estuaries provides stable
8 platforms for research, education, and management practices that
9 benefit the nation's coasts. In 2012, the office of planning
10 was designated as the lead agency to coordinate the selection of
11 a National Estuarine Research Reserve System site in Hawaii. In
12 2014, Heeia was officially nominated as a national estuarine
13 research reserve to support the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
14 Administration's policy encouraging expansion of the program in
15 unrepresented areas of the country. The Heeia estuary site
16 includes Heeia state park, Heeia fishpond, and the Heeia
17 community development district, as well as marine waters with



1 patch and fringing reefs and Moku o Loe (Coconut Island). In
2 order to be a success within the National Estuarine Research
3 Reserve System, a community-based long-range plan for Heeia
4 state park must be developed.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for and
6 require the involvement of community members and organizations
7 in the development of a Heeia state park community-based long-
8 range plan for the Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve
9 System.

10 SECTION 2. To ensure the involvement of key community
11 stakeholders in this planning process, the Hawaii community
12 development authority and any entity designated by the Hawaii
13 community development authority to manage the Heeia state park
14 shall invite and consult with the following entities or
15 individuals in the development process of the Heeia state park
16 community-based long-range plan for the Heeia National Estuarine
17 Research Reserve System:

- 18 (1) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- 19 (2) The department of land and natural resources;
- 20 (3) Hawaii institute of marine biology of the University
21 of Hawaii;



- 1 (4) Kakoo Oiwi;
- 2 (5) Paepae o Heeia;
- 3 (6) Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club;
- 4 (7) Koolau Foundation;
- 5 (8) A representative of the Kaneohe neighborhood board to
- 6 be appointed by the chair of the Kaneohe neighborhood
- 7 board; and
- 8 (9) A representative of the Kahaluu neighborhood board to
- 9 be appointed by the chair of the Kahaluu neighborhood
- 10 board.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the
14 Heeia state park community-based long-range plan for the Heeia
15 National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

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

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



Report Title:

Heeia State Park; National Estuarine Research Reserve System;
Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation for a Heeia State Park community-based long-range plan for the Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve System. Requires the Hawaii Community Development Authority to consult with various entities in developing the plan. (HB1068 CD1)

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