
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NA WAI EHA WATERSHED.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Na Wai Eha
2 watershed in Wailuku, Maui, provides significant ecological,
3 cultural, and hydrological value to the island of Maui. It is
4 composed of native koa, ohia, and lama forests, hidden valleys
5 and mountains reaching five thousand feet, the habitat for over
6 forty-five endangered species, and the principal source of
7 Maui's drinking water. Eleven thousand twenty acres of this
8 critical watershed is up for sale, and it is a rare opportunity
9 to preserve this enormous section of the West Maui mountains in
10 perpetuity for public recreation and benefit.

11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds from the
12 land conservation fund for the acquisition of the Na Wai Eha
13 watershed in Wailuku, Maui, to protect its scenic,
14 environmental, and cultural value.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the land
16 conservation fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as
17 may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the land



1 acquisition of eleven thousand twenty acres of the Na Wai Eha
 2 watershed in Wailuku, Maui; provided that no funds shall be made
 3 available under this Act unless the county of Maui provides
 4 matching funds of at least \$ _____ for the purpose for which
 5 this sum is appropriated. This project is deemed necessary to
 6 qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement. The sum
 7 appropriated is anticipated to be supplemented by federal funds.

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

10 SECTION 3. The appropriation made in section 2 of this Act
 11 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the
 12 appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the
 13 appropriation that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall
 14 lapse as of that date.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.
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Report Title:

Land Conservation Fund; DLNR; Maui County; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates money out of the land conservation fund for the acquisition of 11,020 acres of the Na Wai Eha watershed in Wailuku, Maui.

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