
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER QUALITY MONITORING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the clean water
2 branch of the department of health has inadequate staff capacity
3 to meet its obligations to perform the timely monitoring that
4 ensures the island of Hawaii's stream and coastal water safety
5 for public swimming, fishing, and other recreation. In
6 particular, contaminants from waste water treatment plant
7 outfalls, injection wells, and cesspools need to be addressed
8 because of their role in harming coral reefs.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
10 department of health to establish one full-time equivalent
11 position (1.0 FTE) to conduct water quality assessments on all
12 streams and coastal waters on the island of Hawaii, investigate
13 complaints, and enforce surface water regulations.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,772 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2020-2021 for the clean water branch of the department of health
2 to hire one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) environmental health
3 specialist IV employee to monitor and enforce the water quality
4 and safety of all of Hawaii island's streams and coastal waters
5 by:

- 6 (1) Acquiring water samples in Hawaii island streams,
7 coastal waters, and seeps;
- 8 (2) Conducting watershed assessments and various surface
9 water tests;
- 10 (3) Investigating complaints; and
- 11 (4) Enforcing surface water regulations.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of health for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



Report Title:

Clean Water Branch; Environmental Health Specialist; Hawaii
Island Streams and Coastal Waters; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for an additional full-time Environmental
Health Specialist IV position within the Department of Health to
monitor water quality on the island of Hawaii. (SD1)

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