
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEA LEVEL RISE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 225P, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:
4 "§225P- Sea level rise relocation program; purpose and
5 duties. (a) There is created within the office of planning a
6 sea level rise relocation program, which shall coordinate the
7 siting and relocation of public infrastructure and facilities
8 within the State in response to sea level rise and related
9 effects of climate change. The sea level rise relocation
10 program shall execute its functions in coordination with the
11 Hawaii climate change mitigation and adaptation commission and
12 any agency of the State or any of its political subdivisions
13 that is affected by sea level rise or related effects of climate
14 change.
15 (b) The sea level rise relocation program shall:



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- 1 (1) Identify public infrastructure and facilities that are
2 at risk from sea level rise and related effects of
3 climate change;
- 4 (2) Determine strategies and create plans for mitigating
5 the effects of sea level rise and related effects of
6 climate change on identified infrastructure and
7 facilities, where applicable;
- 8 (3) Develop plans for the relocation of infrastructure and
9 facilities for which mitigation measures are
10 insufficient, impracticable, or impossible;
- 11 (4) Coordinate the execution of mitigation measures or
12 relocation plans in collaboration with the affected
13 state or county agencies; and
- 14 (5) Coordinate with state and county agencies to determine
15 appropriate siting of new public infrastructure and
16 facilities so as to avoid negative effects, including
17 increased life cycle costs and diminishment of
18 functionality, due to sea level rise and related
19 effects of climate change.
- 20 (c) The sea level rise relocation program shall submit an
21 annual report to the legislature, which shall include reports of



1 all mitigation measures, site recommendations, and relocation
2 plans recommended to state and county agencies, an accounting of
3 expenditures from the sea level rise relocation special fund,
4 the status of all relocation and mitigation projects undertaken
5 during the reporting year, and any proposed legislation. The
6 program shall submit its annual reports no later than twenty
7 days prior to the commencement of each regular session.

8 **§225P- Sea level rise relocation coordinator.** (a)
9 There is created within the office of planning the position of
10 sea level rise relocation coordinator to oversee the sea level
11 rise relocation program. The sea level rise relocation
12 coordinator shall direct the operations of the sea level rise
13 program and shall be the primary point of contact for all
14 agencies of the State and its political subdivisions with
15 infrastructure or facilities affected by sea level rise and
16 related effects of climate change.

17 (b) The sea level rise coordinator shall be appointed by
18 the director of the office of planning without regard to chapter
19 76 and may be removed by the director. The sea level rise
20 coordinator shall appoint program and administrative staff
21 exempt from chapter 76 and, at the sole discretion of the



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1 director of the office of planning, may work in conjunction with
 2 program or administrative staff of the office of planning to
 3 carry out the duties and functions of the sea level rise
 4 relocation program.

5 **§225P- Sea level rise relocation special fund.** (a)

6 There is created in the state treasury the sea level rise
 7 relocation special fund to be administered and expended by the
 8 office of planning for the purposes of the sea level rise
 9 relocation program.

10 (b) The sea level rise relocation special fund shall
 11 consist of:

12 (1) Moneys appropriated by the legislature to the special
 13 fund; and

14 (2) Interest or return on investments earned from moneys
 15 in the special fund."

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
 19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 20 2020-2021 for deposit into the sea level rise relocation special
 21 fund established by section 225P- , Hawaii Revised Statutes.



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1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the sea level rise
 2 relocation special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof
 3 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum
 4 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021
 5 for the establishment and operations of the sea level rise
 6 relocation program, including the hiring of a sea level rise
 7 relocation coordinator and necessary program and administrative
 8 staff.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
 10 planning for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

Sea Level Rise Relocation Program; Established; Coordinator

Description:

Establishes the Sea Level Rise Relocation Program and the position of Sea Level Rise Relocation Coordinator in the Office of Planning to coordinate mitigation measures, relocation, and site planning for public infrastructure and facilities affected by sea level rise.

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