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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established the Hawaii tree  
2 planting program to be administered by the board of land and  
3 natural resources for the planting of at least one million  
4 appropriate, non-invasive trees in the State per year. The  
5 Hawaii tree planting program shall expand the urban, peri-urban,  
6 and rural tree canopies throughout the State, and preference  
7 shall be given to planting native trees where appropriate.

8           (b) The Hawaii tree planting program shall be a  
9 partnership between:

10           (1) The Hawaii forest stewardship program of the  
11 department of land and natural resources;

12           (2) The kaulunani urban and community forestry program of  
13 the department of land and natural resources;

14           (3) The greenhouse gas sequestration task force of the  
15 office of planning; and

16           (4) Any appropriate county or nonprofit entity as  
17 determined by the chairperson of the board of land and



1 natural resources; provided that the chairperson of  
2 the board of land and natural resources shall invite  
3 any appropriate county or nonprofit entity to  
4 participate in the program.

5 (c) The Hawaii tree planting program shall be directed and  
6 managed by a program administrator to be appointed by the  
7 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources. The  
8 program administrator position shall not be subject to chapters  
9 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Hawaii tree planting  
10 program administrator shall:

- 11 (1) Research and apply for appropriate and available  
12 federal funding, including grant moneys;
- 13 (2) Direct the disbursement of any funds to any appropriate  
14 state agency, including the Hawaii youth conservation  
15 corps, Hawaii correctional industries program, and  
16 other state workforce programs; and
- 17 (3) Disburse funds to an appropriate county agency or  
18 qualified nonprofit organization.

19 (d) The Hawaii tree planting program shall cease to exist  
20 on .



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
4 the establishment, operation, and management of the Hawaii tree  
5 planting program.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on December 31,  
9 2033.



**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Trees; Hawaii Tree Planting Program; Established; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a tree planting program in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/33. (SD2)

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