
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Ala Wai canal
2 and the surrounding watersheds must be fortified in order to
3 prevent major flooding in Honolulu's urban core. According to
4 the United States Army Corps of Engineers, a major flood could
5 damage three thousand structures, require more than
6 \$1,000,000,000 in repairs, and severely impact on Hawaii's
7 economy. The 2003 *Economic Contribution of Waikiki Report*
8 indicated that in 2002, Waikiki-based visitor activity accounted
9 for \$3,600,000,000, or forty-six per cent, of the tourism
10 industry's total contribution to the gross state product. Due
11 to the potential impact that flooding could have on the economy,
12 the legislature finds that the Ala Wai flood risk management
13 project is in the public interest and is necessary for the
14 health, safety, and general welfare of the State.

15 The legislature further finds that the project will cost
16 \$345,000,000, and the United States Congress has appropriated
17 \$345,000,000 for the project but requires a thirty-five per cent



1 match by a local entity. Although this project is under county
2 jurisdiction, the legislature has been requested to allocate
3 matching funds to ensure the health, safety, and general welfare
4 of the State.

5 The purpose of this Act is to:

6 (1) Appropriate funds to the department of budget and
7 finance, based upon the United States Army Corps of
8 Engineers' cost payment plan, for the Ala Wai flood
9 risk management project; and

10 (2) Require the city and county of Honolulu to enter into
11 the project partnership agreement with the United
12 States Army Corps of Engineers and to accept all the
13 project features identified in the Ala Wai flood risk
14 management project upon completion.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the
18 Ala Wai flood risk management project.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
20 budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

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



Report Title:

Capital Improvement Projects; Ala Wai Canal; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Budget and Finance for capital improvement projects related to the Ala Wai Flood Risk Management Project. (SD1)

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