
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER TESTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is only one
2 water quality testing laboratory on the island of Maui. The
3 laboratory is operated by the county of Maui and only serves the
4 county's agencies. The legislature also finds that all other
5 water quality testing must be sent to the island of Oahu and
6 takes up to twelve weeks to be returned. The legislature
7 believes that a water testing laboratory at the University of
8 Hawaii Maui college will not only allow for faster water quality
9 test results but will also provide opportunities for further
10 water quality research on the island of Maui.

11 The legislature notes that in 2022, the island of Maui
12 experienced a water quality crisis when wastewater leaked from
13 condominium injection wells into the island's coastline. The
14 island of Oahu experienced a similar crisis when fuel leaked
15 into the island's drinking water from the Red Hill underground
16 fuel storage facility. Given these and other water quality
17 crises, the legislature finds that water quality testing is



1 imperative to the health of the State's environment and
2 residents. This Act, therefore, addresses an issue of statewide
3 concern.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to fund and staff a
5 water testing laboratory at the University of Hawaii Maui
6 college.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2024-2025 to support water testing at the department of
12 science of the University of Hawaii Maui college. The moneys
13 shall be allocated as follows:

14 (1) \$ annually for one full-time equivalent (1.0
15 FTE) laboratory coordinator having a doctoral degree
16 in water science;

17 (2) \$ annually for one full-time equivalent (1.0
18 FTE) laboratory assistant having a bachelor's degree
19 in marine science or biology; and

20 (3) \$ annually for laboratory and testing
21 supplies.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
2 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates moneys to the department of science of the University of Hawaii Maui college to support water testing on the island of Maui, including supplies and the creation of 2.0 FTE positions. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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