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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that following the Maui  
2 wildfires in Augusts of 2023, the speaker of the state house of  
3 representatives established six bipartisan interim working  
4 groups tasked with evaluating specific topics and making  
5 recommendations for appropriate legislative action in the  
6 regular session of 2024. Members of the working groups  
7 collaborated with federal, state, and county agencies, along  
8 with community stakeholders and interested parties, to identify  
9 immediate issues that require temporary or transitional relief  
10 for the people and businesses of west Maui.

11           The legislature further finds that the wildfire prevention  
12 working group was specifically tasked with identifying the  
13 causes of wildfires and preventative action that may be taken to  
14 reduce the risk of wildfires throughout the State and preparing  
15 recommendations for appropriate legislative action. All working  
16 groups released a joint final report in December 2023 detailing  
17 their findings and recommendations.



1           The purpose of this Act is to adopt a recommendation of the  
 2 wildfire prevention working group by appropriating funds to  
 3 maintain and update wildfire-specific equipment and wildfire-  
 4 suppression infrastructure statewide.

5           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
 7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
 8 operating costs to support fire and emergency response,  
 9 prevention and pre-suppression activities, and post-fire  
 10 restoration.

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

13           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
 15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
 16 equipment for the department of land and natural resources'  
 17 division of forestry and wildlife, to be allocated as follows:

- 18 1. Molokai
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| 19           D6 bulldozer              | \$ |
| 20           4,000 gallon water tender | \$ |
| 21           Total funding             | \$ |



1	2.	Maui		
2		D6 bulldozer	\$	
3		Four dip tanks	\$	
4		Total funding		\$
5	3.	Hawaii Island		
6		Three off-road		
7		one-thousand gallon tenders	\$	
8		D4 bulldozer	\$	
9		Trailer for D4 bulldozer	\$	
10		Four dip tanks	\$	
11		Trailer	\$	
12		Total funding		\$
13	4.	Kauai		
14		Hooklift truck with		
15		attachment	\$	
16		Off-road one thousand		
17		gallon tender	\$	
18		Two fire utility-terrain		
19		vehicles	\$	
20		Tractor mower	\$	
21		D4 bulldozer	\$	



1	Front end wheel loader	\$
2	Fire utility-terrain	
3	vehicle trailer	\$
4	Logistics trailer	\$
5	Four dip tanks	\$
6	Total funding	\$
7	5. Oahu	
8	Logistics trailer	\$
9	Two trailers for	
10	utility-terrain	
11	vehicles/all-terrain	
12	vehicles	\$
13	Four fire	
14	utility-terrain vehicles	\$
15	Four dip tanks	\$
16	Tractor mower	\$\$
17	Total funding	\$
18	6. Statewide	
19	Seventeen Ford F-450	
20	fire engines	\$
21	Eight remote automated	



1 weather stations \$  
 2 Five unmanned aircraft  
 3 systems with thermal  
 4 detectors \$  
 5 Radio equipment \$  
 6 Total funding \$

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

9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
 11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
 12 the establishment of twenty-two full-time equivalent (22.0 FTE)  
 13 positions as follows:

- 14 (1) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
 15 planner IV position;
- 16 (2) \$ for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)  
 17 natural resources management specialist IV positions;
- 18 (3) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
 19 forester IV position;
- 20 (4) \$ for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE)  
 21 heavy equipment operator positions;



1 (5) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
2 automotive mechanic I position;

3 (6) \$ for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)  
4 heavy vehicle/construction equipment mechanic I, BC-11  
5 positions;

6 (7) \$ for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)  
7 heavy vehicle/construction equipment mechanic I, WS-11  
8 positions; and

9 (8) \$ for nine full-time equivalent (9.0 FTE)  
10 forestry and wildlife worker II, BC-05 positions.

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

13 SECTION 5. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
14 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
16 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2024-2025  
17 for the purpose of wildfire water infrastructure capital  
18 improvement projects for the department of land and natural  
19 resources.

1           The sum appropriated for the capital improvement projects  
2 listed in this section shall be expended by the department of  
3 land and natural resources.

4           SECTION 6. The appropriation made for the capital  
5 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
6 the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made;  
7 provided that all moneys from the appropriation unencumbered as  
8 of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date.

9           SECTION 7. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
10 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
12 appropriations contained in H.B. No.           , will cause the state  
13 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
14 exceeded by \$                            or           per cent. In addition, the  
15 appropriations contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
16 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further  
17 exceeded by \$                            or           per cent. The combined total  
18 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these  
19 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
20 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by



1 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the  
2 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

3 (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to  
4 serve the public interest; and

5 (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs  
6 addressed by this Act.

7 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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# H.B. NO. 1841

**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Division of Forestry and Wildlife; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to DLNR for operating expenses, equipment, the establishment of positions, and capital improvement projects to support wildfire emergency response.

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