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# 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 Bulk Fuel  
16 Storage Facility. Given these and other water quality crises,  
17 the legislature finds that water quality testing is imperative



1 to the health of the State's environment and residents and is  
2 therefore a matter of statewide concern.

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

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

- 13 (1) \$100,000 annually for one full-time equivalent (1.0  
14 FTE) laboratory coordinator having a doctoral degree  
15 in water science;
- 16 (2) \$65,000 annually for one full-time equivalent (1.0  
17 FTE) laboratory assistant having a bachelor's degree  
18 in marine science or biology; and
- 19 (3) \$50,000 annually for laboratory supplies and testing  
20 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 July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Maui College to support water testing on the island of Maui, including supplies and the establishment of 2 full-time equivalent positions. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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