
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A CLIMATE ADAPTION AND RESILIENCE IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State, as an
2 island state, is on the front lines of climate change. More
3 frequently, Hawaii is experiencing increased hurricane and
4 tropical cyclone activity, rising temperatures, hazardous inland
5 flooding and landslides, coastal erosion and sea level rise,
6 drought, and increased wildfires in our communities.

7 The legislature further finds that many specific plans
8 related to the State's climate adaptation have been published,
9 including the coral bleaching recovery report, the Hawaii sea
10 level rise vulnerability and adaptation report, the multi-hazard
11 mitigation plan, the Hawaii highways climate adaptation action
12 plan, and the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. However, there
13 is no statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation
14 plan assessing the overall financial risk to and exposure of the
15 State associated with climate change.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the office of
2 planning and sustainable development to develop and publish a
3 statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§226- Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience
8 implementation plan. (a) The office of planning and
9 sustainable development shall publish a climate adaptation and
10 resilience implementation plan every five years, in alignment
11 with the Hawaii State Planning Act, state functional and county
12 general plans, Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan, county climate
13 and sustainability plans, the Hawaii climate mitigation and
14 adaptation initiative, the State's multiple sustainability and
15 climate targets, and best recent climate science available.

16 (b) The purpose of the Hawaii climate adaptation and
17 resilience implementation plan shall be to:

18 (1) Aggregate climate risk and hazard that may be used for
19 statewide and regional vulnerability and adaptation
20 planning;



1 (2) Determine the overall financial risk and exposure to
2 the State associated with recent and best climate
3 science and modeling available;

4 (3) Assess a range of options for the State to adapt to
5 multiple hazards and climate change impacts; and

6 (4) Recommend adaptive land use, development, and
7 infrastructure adaptations to jointly protect and
8 mutually enhance local economies, the environment, and
9 community well-being for the present and future
10 benefit of the people of Hawaii.

11 (c) The Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience
12 implementation plan shall incorporate the recommendations of the
13 Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan pursuant to section 226-65; the
14 Hawaii sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report
15 pursuant to section 225P-3; the multi-hazard mitigation plan;
16 the State's reports coordinating sea level adaptation activities
17 pursuant to section 225M-9; the Hawaii drought plan; the Hawaii
18 water plan; statewide community-based wildfire protection plans;
19 county general plans; and county climate and sustainability
20 plans, as needed.



1 (d) The office shall submit the Hawaii climate adaptation
 2 and resilience implementation plan to the legislature no later
 3 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
 4 of 2027 and shall submit updates of the Hawaii climate
 5 adaptation and resilience implementation plan every five years
 6 thereafter."

7 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
 8 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
 9 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
 10 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
 11 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
 12 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
 13 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
 14 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
 15 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
 16 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
 17 ceiling are that:

- 18 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
- 19 serve the public interest; and
- 20 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
- 21 addressed by this Act.



1 SECTION 4. 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 2024-2025 for
4 the establishment of two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) planner
5 V positions; one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner IV
6 position; and computers, publication costs, website and
7 multimedia public outreach, management and service fees, and
8 other expenses.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
10 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
11 Act.

12 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Implementation Plan;
Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop and publish a statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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