
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR
HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The university of Hawaii shall establish and
2 implement a two-year program to generate web-GIS wildfire
3 susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State of Hawaii to
4 determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and
5 infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires.

6 The university of Hawaii shall submit a report of its
7 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
8 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
9 to the convening of the regular session of 2026.

10 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
11 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
12 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
13 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
14 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
15 to be exceeded by \$, or per cent. The reasons
16 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the



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1 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
2 interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
6 the development of wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability
7 maps for the State of Hawaii pursuant to this Act.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
9 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act; provided that the moneys
10 appropriated by this Act shall not lapse at the end of the
11 fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided
12 further that all moneys from the appropriation unencumbered on
13 June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

UH; Wildfire Susceptibility; Wildfire Vulnerability; Wildfire Management; Public Safety; Risk Mitigation; Artificial Intelligence; Maps; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a 2-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State of Hawaii to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

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