
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE POLLINATORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's native
2 pollinators are facing the threat of extinction. Decreasing
3 populations of native pollinators have cascading impacts on
4 Hawaii's environment and biological diversity. While non-native
5 pollinators are important, native species of essential
6 pollinators, such as the nalo meli maoli, or yellow-faced bee,
7 are able to cross-fertilize better with native plants that are
8 facing similar threats of extinction. Nalo meli maoli, as well
9 as other native pollinators, have very close plant associations
10 and display strong morphological and behavioral adaptations to
11 native plant species. The loss of these native pollinators
12 therefore further endangers native plants and ecosystems that
13 are already vulnerable, and in a dangerous cycle, the loss of
14 native plant habitats further impacts native pollinator
15 populations. The legislature also finds that preserving native
16 ecosystems is crucial for the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture,
17 as flora and fauna play important roles in ceremony, medicine,



1 food, and other cultural practices. Therefore, the legislature
2 finds that this issue is a matter of statewide concern.

3 The legislature further finds that state institutions must
4 play a role in nurturing ecosystems that support native plants
5 and pollinators. The University of Hawaii is well-positioned to
6 create these ecosystems on its campuses. This work is aligned
7 with the University of Hawaii system's 2023-2029 strategic plan,
8 which highlights sustainability as a foundational principle and
9 upholds the University system's "responsibility to the 'āina
10 through its own practices, through education, and by developing
11 solutions to the complex global challenges of climate change,
12 sustainability, and resilience".

13 The purpose of this Act is to support the revitalization of
14 native pollinators by requiring the University of Hawaii to
15 develop and implement a two-year native pollinator habitat pilot
16 project to be executed at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and
17 the University of Hawaii at Hilo campuses.

18 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a two-year native
19 pollinator habitat pilot project to be developed and implemented
20 by the University of Hawaii. The pilot project shall be



1 deployed at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University
2 of Hawaii at Hilo.

3 (b) The native pollinator habitats shall be integrated
4 into the University of Hawaii's existing land management program
5 and shall be developed using in-house experts and resources.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
10 year 2024-2025 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) technician
11 position, student help, and supplies to support the native
12 pollinator habitat pilot project at the University of Hawaii at
13 Manoa site.

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

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
20 year 2024-2025 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) technician
21 position, student help, and supplies to support the native



1 pollinator habitat pilot project at the University of Hawaii at
2 Hilo site.

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

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Native Pollinator Habitat Pilot Project;
Appropriations

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii to develop and implement a two-year native pollinator habitat pilot project to be deployed at the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus and the University of Hawaii at Hilo campus. Appropriates funds for a technician position, student help, and supplies for each campus site. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)

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