

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1289

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 6, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 6, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 1602, S.D. 1,
H.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE KEAUAHOU AQUIFER SYSTEM.
ACT 189

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 6 2025

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 189
S.B. NO. 1602
S.D. 1
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KEAUKOU AQUIFER SYSTEM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of land and natural
2 resources shall establish a Keauhou aquifer system monitoring
3 pilot project.
- 4 (b) Under the pilot project, the commission on water
5 resource management, in collaboration with other agencies,
6 shall:
- 7 (1) Collect data from the monitoring wells installed in
8 the Keauhou aquifer system;
- 9 (2) Monitor groundwater levels in the Keauhou aquifer
10 system;
- 11 (3) Conduct water salinity tests in the Keauhou aquifer
12 system;
- 13 (4) Monitor the impacts of groundwater pumping on the
14 health of coastal ecosystems and traditional and
15 customary practices within the Keauhou aquifer system;
- 16 (5) Initiate public information meetings to report on the
17 data collected;



- 1 (6) Conduct community outreach to guide the management of
2 groundwater resources in the Keauhou aquifer system;
3 (7) Integrate new and existing studies and research into a
4 plan for the responsible management of groundwater
5 resources in the Keauhou aquifer system; and
6 (8) Conduct other related activities as the department
7 deems necessary to carry out the purpose of the pilot
8 project.

9 (c) The department of land and natural resources shall
10 submit an interim report to the legislature every six months,
11 detailing, at minimum, groundwater levels and water salinity
12 analysis in the Keauhou aquifer system.

13 SECTION 2. Based on the department of land and natural
14 resources' assessment of the Keauhou aquifer system monitoring
15 pilot project, the department shall determine whether to
16 continue, expand, or end the pilot project.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2026-2027 for the Keauhou aquifer system monitoring pilot
2 project.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



S.B. NO. 1602
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2025

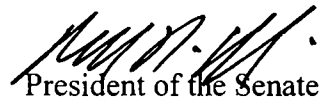
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII


THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1602, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives