
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 205, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2022, provided funds to the department of
3 Hawaiian home lands to begin an investigation, exploration, and
4 identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands to
5 be used for the generation, transmission, or production of
6 electricity and renewable energy resources. Geothermal
7 resources can provide stable power, community benefits, and an
8 alternative to biofuels. The legislature further finds that the
9 department of Hawaiian home lands requires more funding to allow
10 the department to drill slim holes at certain sites on Hawaiian
11 home lands, develop water wells, collect geophysical data, and
12 hire consultants to help the department navigate the intricacies
13 of geothermal development.

14 The purpose of this Act is to provide follow-up funding for
15 the next steps in the investigation, exploration, and
16 identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands.

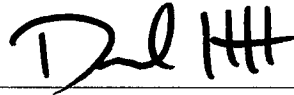


1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$20,000,000 or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 to
4 fund water well development for geophysical investigation,
5 exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on
6 Hawaiian home lands.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for water well development for geophysical investigation, exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands.

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