

JAN 17 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that maintenance dredging
2 is critical to the upkeep of small boat harbors, channels,
3 ramps, and other port infrastructure in the State. The
4 legislature further finds that the current process of waiting
5 until dredging is imminent to appropriate funds and only then
6 initiating the permitting process creates a haphazard system for
7 the allocation of money and the issuance of permits. This
8 disorganized process sometimes contributes to worsened
9 conditions at these facilities when increased amounts of marine
10 sediment and foreign debris accumulate, sometimes up to a height
11 that can damage the hulls of ships if not cleared immediately.
12 These unsafe conditions can potentially cause a shutdown of the
13 affected sites, which are important for recreation and
14 subsistence fishing and other use by the general public.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
16 department of land and natural resources to conduct maintenance



1 dredging at certain state small boat harbors, boat launch ramp
2 facilities, and other state boating facilities and waterways.

3 SECTION 2. 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 2025-2026 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2026-2027 for the purpose of conducting maintenance
8 dredging at state small boat harbors, boat launch ramp
9 facilities, and other state boating facilities and waterways,
10 including design, permitting, and dredging work, as identified
11 by the department of land and natural resources.

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

14 SECTION 3. Beginning with fiscal biennium 2027-2029 and
15 each fiscal year thereafter, the department of land and natural
16 resources shall include in its annual budget request line-item
17 funding for maintenance dredging at state boating facilities.

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

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S.B. NO. 1083

Report Title:

DLNR; Maintenance Dredging; Port Infrastructure; Appropriations

Description:

Makes appropriations to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct maintenance dredging at state small boat harbors, boat launch ramp facilities, and waterways.

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