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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.



**Report Title:**

DLNR; Commission on Water Resource Management; Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Pilot Project; Keauhou Aquifer System; Reports; Appropriations

**Description:**

Establishes the Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Pilot Project. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine whether to continue, expand, or end the Pilot Project. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Pilot Project. Requires reports to the Legislature. (CD1)

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