

JAN 17 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as an island state,
2 Hawaii is uniquely prone to the impacts of climate change.
3 Hawaii is experiencing increased hurricane and tropical cyclone
4 activity, rising temperatures, hazardous inland flooding and
5 landslides, coastal erosion and sea level rise, drought, and
6 increased wildfires.

7 The legislature further finds that many specific plans
8 related to the State's climate adaptation have been published,
9 including the coral bleaching recovery plan, Hawaii sea level
10 rise vulnerability and adaptation report, multi-hazard
11 mitigation plan, Hawaii highways climate adaptation action plan,
12 and Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. However, there is no
13 statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan
14 assessing the overall financial risk of the State associated
15 with climate change.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the office of
2 planning and sustainable development to develop and publish a
3 Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan and
4 updates to the plan every five years thereafter.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
7 designated and to read as follows:

8 "§226- Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience
9 implementation plan. (a) The office shall publish a Hawaii
10 climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan that
11 aligns with the Hawaii State Planning Act, state functional and
12 county general plans, Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan, county
13 climate and sustainability plans, the Hawaii climate change
14 mitigation and adaptation initiative, the State's multiple
15 sustainability and climate targets, and the most accurate
16 climate data available.

17 (b) The purpose of the Hawaii climate adaptation and
18 resilience implementation plan shall be to:

19 (1) Determine the overall financial risk to the State
20 associated with climate change;



1 (2) Aggregate climate risk and hazard data that may be
2 used for statewide and regional vulnerability and
3 adaptation planning;

4 (3) Assess a range of options for the State to adapt to
5 multiple hazards and climate change impacts; and

6 (4) Recommend land use, development, and infrastructure
7 adaptations to protect and enhance local economies,
8 the environment, and community well-being for the
9 present and future benefit of the people of Hawaii.

10 (c) The Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience
11 implementation plan shall incorporate the recommendations of the
12 Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan pursuant to section 226-65; the
13 Hawaii sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report
14 pursuant to section 225P-3; the multi-hazard mitigation plan;
15 the State's reports coordinating sea level adaptation activities
16 pursuant to section 225M-9; the Hawaii drought plan; the Hawaii
17 water plan; statewide community-based wildfire protection plans;
18 county general plans; and county climate and sustainability
19 plans, as needed.

20 (d) The office shall submit the Hawaii climate adaptation
21 and resilience implementation plan to the legislature no later



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
2 of 2027 and shall submit updates of the Hawaii climate
3 adaptation and resilience implementation plan every five years
4 thereafter."

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2026-2027 to fund two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)
10 planner V positions; one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner
11 IV position; and computers, publication costs, website and
12 multimedia public outreach, management and service fees, and
13 other expenses necessary for the office of planning and
14 sustainable development to develop and publish a Hawaii climate
15 adaptation and resilience implementation plan pursuant to this
16 Act.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
18 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
19 Act.

20 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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



S.B. NO. 677

1

INTRODUCED BY: Mike Gibson



S.B. NO. 677

Report Title:

Hawaii Climate Adaptation and Resilience Implementation Plan;
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop and publish a Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan and updates to the plan every five years thereafter. Appropriates funds.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

