JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

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. 1146, S.D. 1,          RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL.
    H.D. 1, C.D. 1              **ACT 183**

Mahalo,

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

Approved by the Governor

on _____ JUN 6 2025 _____

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 183

S.B. NO. 1146
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL.

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

1    SECTION 1.  The legislature finds that the Ala Wai canal

2   was built in the 1920s and is the largest artificial waterway in

3   the State.  Floating debris in the canal has been a persistent

4   problem, which severely harms recreational users and the State's

5   aquatic habitats in nearshore waters.  In October 2024, heavy

6   rain in the watershed area caused serious concerns for

7   downstream tenants, including those at the Ala Wai small boat

8   harbor.  The legislature recognizes that the division of boating

9   and ocean recreation of the department of land and natural

10   resources has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to collect

11   and dispose of the floating debris at the Ala Wai small boat

12   harbor.  However, more funding and assistance is needed to

13   better manage floating debris in the Ala Wai canal.

14    Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate

15   funds to the university of Hawaii to:

1    (1) Develop an action plan and pre-engineering concept

2       plan to help with debris management and water quality

3       control in the Ala Wai watershed; and

4    (2) Establish two graduate assistant positions to assist

5       with the action plan and pre-engineering concept plan.

6    SECTION 2.  There is appropriated out of the general

7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $425,000 or so much

8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the

9 sum of $150,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for

10 fiscal year 2026-2027 for:

11    (1) The development of an action plan and pre-engineering

12       concept plan to help with debris management and water

13       quality control in the Ala Wai watershed;

14    (2) The university of Hawaii to establish two graduate

15       assistant positions to assist with the action plan and

16       pre-engineering concept plan;

17    (3) Partial summer overload support for faculty mentors

18       providing oversight of the student project teams; and

19    (4) Other current expenses.

20    The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university

21 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

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

# S.B. NO.

1146
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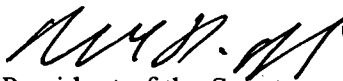APPROVED this     6th     day of     June     , 2025

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

# 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

# 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