

JAN 15 2025

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 geothermal resources
2 can provide stable power and community benefits and are a viable
3 alternative to biofuels. Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022,
4 appropriated \$500,000 to the department of Hawaiian home lands
5 as start-up funding for the exploration of geothermal resources
6 on Hawaiian home lands, so that these resources could
7 potentially be used for the generation, transmission, and
8 production of electricity and renewable energy resources,
9 including but not limited to hydrogen generation.

10 The legislature recognizes that additional moneys are
11 needed for the department of Hawaiian home lands to continue its
12 efforts in collecting geothermal resources data. Appropriating
13 follow-up funding will allow the department of Hawaiian home
14 lands to drill slim holes at certain sites on Hawaiian home
15 lands, develop water wells, collect geophysical data, and hire
16 consultants to help navigate the intricacies of geothermal
17 development.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
2 funds for the continued investigation, exploration, and
3 identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$20,000,000 or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2026-2027 to drill slim holes, develop water wells, and
9 continue geophysical data collection, investigation,
10 exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on
11 Hawaiian home lands.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. The department of Hawaiian home lands is
15 authorized to utilize the funds appropriated in section 2 of
16 this Act to hire consultants to assist the department in its
17 geothermal development activities.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:  _____

S.B. NO. 151

Report Title:

DHHL; Geothermal Resources; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to continue geophysical data collection, investigation, exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands. Authorizes DHHL to hire consultants.

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