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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEACHES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the recent 2021
2 Waikiki beach replenishment project cost Hawai'i taxpayers
3 \$2,500,000, while the private sector contributed \$1,000,000, or
4 less than twenty-nine per cent of the \$3,500,000 total project
5 cost. According to the department of land and natural
6 resources, the Waikiki replenishment is part of a planned
7 maintenance project that will reoccur every five to ten years.
8 The legislature further finds that replenishment projects in
9 resort areas provide substantial benefit to the travel industry
10 and therefore, that the industry should contribute a greater
11 percentage of total funds towards beach replenishment projects.

12 The purpose of this Act is to limit public sector
13 contribution, if any, for beach replenishment activities that
14 are carried out in a resort zoned area.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:



1 "§171- Beach replenishment projects; state contribution.
2 The State or counties shall pay not more than twenty per cent of
3 the cost of any beach replenishment project executed in a resort
4 zoned area."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 403

Report Title:

Waikiki Beach Replenishment; Public Funding Limit; Resort Zoned Areas; Greater Private Sector Contributions

Description:

Limits public funding of beach replenishment projects in resort zoned areas to twenty per cent of the total cost.

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