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S.B. NO. 1164

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Forest Stewardship Program.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 195F-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) There is established a special fund within the state treasury known as the forest stewardship fund which shall be used as follows:

- (1) Payments shall be made by the board pursuant to agreements entered into with qualified landowners to further the purposes of this chapter; ~~[and]~~
- (2) Moneys collected from the harvest of non-native forest products from forest reserves, from the harvest of native forest products from degraded forests as defined in section 186-5.5, within forest reserves, from forest products found dead and lying on the ground, or from the sale of tree seedlings from the state nurseries, shall be used for the following activities:
 - (A) Replanting, managing, and maintaining designated timber management areas;
 - (B) Enhancing the management of public forest reserves with an emphasis on restoring degraded koa forests; and
 - (C) Developing environmental education and training programs pertaining to sustainable forestry;

provided that ~~[funding for]~~ the ~~[purposes]~~ activities described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) may not ~~[occur]~~ be funded unless the activities described in approved management plans pertaining to subparagraph (A) are adequately funded~~[.];~~

- (3) Moneys deposited into the fund as authorized by section 247-7 may also be used by the department to administer the program.”

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the forest stewardship fund the sum of \$20,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001-2002 to be used toward administering the forest stewardship program.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

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SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.
New material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2001.

(Approved May 24, 2001.)