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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF LANDS IN WAIPIO VALLEY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Waipio valley in the  
2 district of Hamakua, island of Hawaii, possesses cultural,  
3 historic, and natural resources that are of high value to the  
4 State. These resources are integral to the historic, cultural,  
5 and natural identity of the State, and protection and management  
6 of these resources will benefit the people of Hawaii.

7           The legislature further finds that the acquisition of  
8 privately owned lands or interests in lands in Waipio valley  
9 would enhance public access to and permanent protection of these  
10 resources. The legislature also finds that active management of  
11 the resources in Waipio valley is necessary to protect them  
12 against overuse, invasive species, and other threats to their  
13 continued existence.

14           The department of land and natural resources is considering  
15 purchasing land located in Waipio valley from the Bernice Pauahi  
16 Bishop Museum.

17           The purpose of this Act is to:



- 1           (1)    Require the department of land and natural resources
- 2                    to establish a temporary working group to develop an
- 3                    action plan to preserve natural, cultural, and
- 4                    historic resources in Waipio valley; and
- 5           (2)    Make an appropriation for the purchase of land located
- 6                    in Waipio valley.

7           SECTION 2.   The department of land and natural resources

8 shall establish a working group to examine possibilities for

9 partnerships to acquire lands in Waipio valley.   The working

10 group shall consist of the following members or their designees;

11 provided that private parties are willing to participate:

- 12           (1)    The chief executive officer of the office of Hawaiian
- 13                    affairs;
- 14           (2)    The executive director of the agribusiness development
- 15                    corporation;
- 16           (3)    The mayor of the county of Hawaii;
- 17           (4)    The president of the Waipio Taro Farmers Association;
- 18           (5)    The executive director of the Hawaiian Islands Land
- 19                    Trust;
- 20           (6)    The chief executive officer of Kamehameha Schools;
- 21           (7)    The president and chief executive officer of the
- 22                    Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum;

- 1 (8) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
- 2 resources;
- 3 (9) One landowner in Waipio valley, to be selected by the
- 4 chairperson of the board of land and natural
- 5 resources; and
- 6 (10) Any other members whom the chairperson of the working
- 7 group deems necessary.

8 SECTION 3. The chief executive officer of Kamehameha  
9 Schools or the chief executive officer's designee, if willing,  
10 shall chair the working group. If the chief executive officer  
11 of Kamehameha Schools or the chief executive officer's designee  
12 is not willing to chair the working group, the chairperson of  
13 the board of land and natural resources shall chair the working  
14 group.

15 SECTION 4. The working group shall:

- 16 (1) Develop an action plan that explores and identifies
- 17 important natural, cultural, and historic resources
- 18 for protection at Waipio valley and identifies
- 19 conservation options for the protection of these
- 20 resources, including the purchase of land in Waipio
- 21 valley; and

1           (2) Submit a written final action plan, including  
2           recommendations and any proposed legislation, to the  
3           legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
4           convening of the regular session of 2015.

5           SECTION 5. The working group shall cease to exist upon  
6           submission of the report to the legislature.

7           SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
8           revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           or so  
9           much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for  
10          the purchase of land located in Waipio valley.

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

13          SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Waipio Valley; DLNR; Appropriation; Working Group

**Description:**

Establishes a temporary working group to study and make recommendations for the preservation of natural, cultural, and historic resources in Waipio valley. Makes an appropriation for the purchase of land in Waipio valley. Effective 7/1/2050.  
(SD2)

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