
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 require the department of
18 land and natural resources to establish a temporary working



1 group to develop an action plan to preserve natural, cultural,
2 and historic resources in Waipio valley.

3 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
4 shall establish a temporary working group to examine
5 possibilities for partnerships to acquire lands in Waipio
6 valley. The working group shall consist of the following
7 members or their designees; provided that private parties are
8 willing to participate:

- 9 (1) The Kukuihaele-Waipio Community Association;
- 10 (2) The Waipio Taro Farmers Association;
- 11 (3) Non-commercial taro farmers;
- 12 (4) The Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum;
- 13 (5) Waipio valley small land owners;
- 14 (6) Friends of the Future;
- 15 (7) Kanu o ka Aina Learning Center;
- 16 (8) Hawaii county council;
- 17 (9) Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
- 18 (10) Mauna Kea soil and water conservation district;
- 19 (11) The legislature; and
- 20 (12) Waipio Valley kupuna.

21 SECTION 3. The chief executive officer of Kamehameha
22 Schools or the chief executive officer's designee, if willing,



1 shall chair the working group. If the chief executive officer
2 of Kamehameha Schools or the chief executive officer's designee
3 is not willing to chair the working group, the chairperson of
4 the board of land and natural resources shall chair the working
5 group.

6 SECTION 4. The working group shall:

7 (1) Develop an action plan that explores and identifies
8 important natural, cultural, and historic resources
9 for protection at Waipio valley and identifies
10 conservation options for the protection of these
11 resources, including the purchase of land in Waipio
12 valley; and

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

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

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Waipio Valley; DLNR; 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. (SB3063 HD2)

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