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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER QUALITY MONITORING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the clean water  
2 branch of the department of health has inadequate staff capacity  
3 to meet its obligations to perform the timely monitoring that  
4 ensures the island of Hawaii's stream and coastal water safety  
5 for public swimming, fishing, and other recreation. In  
6 particular, contaminants from waste water treatment plant  
7 outfalls, injection wells, and cesspools need to be addressed  
8 because of their role in harming coral reefs.

9           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the  
10 department of health to establish an undetermined number of  
11 positions to conduct water quality assessments on all streams  
12 and coastal waters on the island of Hawaii, investigate  
13 complaints, and enforce surface water regulations.

14           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
17 clean water branch of the department of health to hire



1 full-time equivalent ( FTE) environmental health  
2 specialist IV employee to monitor and enforce the water quality  
3 and safety of all Hawaii island's stream and coastal waters by:

- 4 (1) Acquiring water samples in Hawaii island streams,  
5 coastal waters, and seeps;
- 6 (2) Conducting watershed assessments and various surface  
7 water tests;
- 8 (3) Investigating complaints; and
- 9 (4) Enforcing surface water regulations.

10 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
11 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 28, 2045.



**Report Title:**

Clean Water Branch; Environmental Health Specialist; Hawaii  
Island Streams

**Description:**

Establishes full-time Environmental Health Specialist IV  
position(s) within the Department of Health to monitor water  
quality in Hawaii island. Appropriates funds. (HB2276 HD2)

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