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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that maintenance dredging  
2 is critical to the maintenance of small boat harbors, channels,  
3 ramps, and other port infrastructure in the State. However,  
4 under the current system, the necessary funding and permitting  
5 for maintenance dredging are not secured until the need for  
6 dredging becomes critical. This disorganized process sometimes  
7 exacerbates the poor conditions at small boat harbors, allowing  
8 marine sediment and foreign debris to accumulate to shallow  
9 depths that can damage the hulls of ships. These conditions can  
10 also cause a shutdown of the affected sites, which are important  
11 for recreation and subsistence fishing and use by the general  
12 public.

13           The legislature further finds that federal agencies have  
14 encouraged the states to adopt programmatic schedules of  
15 maintenance dredging as a way to expedite federal review and  
16 even draw down available federal dollars. Creating a strategic  
17 plan for maintenance dredging of small boat harbors, channels,



1 ramps, and other port infrastructure in the State will spread  
2 resources based on actual need and allow ample time for  
3 permitting and public input before port infrastructure reaches a  
4 critical need.

5 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
6 land and natural resources to create a strategic plan for  
7 maintenance dredging of small boat harbors, channels, ramps, and  
8 other important port infrastructure in the State.

9 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources  
10 shall create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of small  
11 boat harbors, channels, ramps, and other port infrastructure.  
12 The strategic plan shall include:

- 13 (1) A list of potential projects in locations where the  
14 department has identified a need for maintenance  
15 dredging;
- 16 (2) The detailed estimated costs of each project; and
- 17 (3) A detailed timeline of each project until completion  
18 that prevents or minimizes closures or interruption of  
19 services at each project site.

20 The department shall submit a report, including the strategic  
21 plan and any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
2 of 2019.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
6 purpose of creating a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of  
7 harbor and port locations, as identified by the department of  
8 land and natural resources.

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

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DLNR; Maintenance Dredging; Port Infrastructure; Strategic Plan; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of important port and harbor locations and report the plan to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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