
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The auditor, with regard to the University
2 of Hawaii's activities related to Mauna Kea, shall:

3 (1) Conduct a financial audit of the office of Mauna Kea
4 management, reviewing all revenues and expenditures,
5 the Mauna Kea land management special fund, commercial
6 tour operations, and all appropriations from the
7 University of Hawaii at Hilo for operations and
8 staffing for the period of 2010 through 2017;

9 (2) Conduct a performance audit of the research
10 corporation of the University of Hawaii, as it relates
11 to the Mauna Kea observatory support services and the
12 Mauna Kea observatories and all grants, revenues,
13 expenditures, and funding of personnel, as it relates
14 to those organizations, evaluating its efficiency and
15 whether or not they are effectively utilizing best
16 practice operations;



1 (3) Conduct a performance audit on the University of
2 Hawaii system, limited to the legal affairs and the
3 university general counsel office, as it relates to
4 all revenues and expenditures associated with the
5 research and training revolving fund, as it relates to
6 Mauna Kea since 2010, as well as determining whether
7 or not patents and revenue-generating patents exist,
8 as it relates to scientific technologies associated
9 with the international observatories and the
10 University of Hawaii institute for astronomy, as a
11 result of ground-based astronomical observations and
12 discoveries; and

13 (4) Conduct an organizational management structure audit
14 of the multiple governmental and non-governmental
15 agencies and entities that have jurisdictional
16 authority on Mauna Kea, evaluating its efficiency and
17 whether or not they are effectively utilizing best
18 practice operations and have clear lines of authority.

19 (b) The auditor shall have all the powers established
20 pursuant to chapter 23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including the
21 power to subpoena any related licenses, grants, commercial



1 activities, patents, intellectual property, and astronomical
2 observation time at the University of Hawaii related to Mauna
3 Kea, and anyone who has a financial interest in Mauna Kea
4 permitted by state law.

5 SECTION 2. The auditor shall submit a report of its
6 findings and any recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
8 to the convening of the regular session of 2020.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
12 auditor to conduct the audit of the University of Hawaii's
13 activities related to Mauna Kea pursuant to this Act.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
15 auditor for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

UH; Mauna Kea; Audit; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Auditor to conduct a financial, performance, and management audit of the University of Hawaii's activities related to Mauna Kea. Requires the Auditor to submit a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD2)

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