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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEEIA STATE PARK.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has  
2 coordinated with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
3 Administration to nominate Heeia estuary as a national estuarine  
4 research reserve. The National Estuarine Research Reserve  
5 System is a network of twenty-eight protected areas along  
6 America's coastlines that was founded on the principle that  
7 long-term protection of representative estuaries provides stable  
8 platforms for research, education, and management practices that  
9 benefit the nation's coasts. In 2012, the office of planning  
10 was designated as the lead agency to coordinate the selection of  
11 a National Estuarine Research Reserve System site in Hawaii. In  
12 2014, Heeia was officially nominated as a national estuarine  
13 research reserve to support the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
14 Administration's policy encouraging expansion of the program in  
15 unrepresented areas of the country. The Heeia estuary site  
16 includes Heeia state park, Heeia fishpond, and the Heeia  
17 community development district, as well as marine waters with



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1 patch and fringing reefs and Moku o Loe (Coconut Island). In  
2 order to be a success within the National Estuarine Research  
3 Reserve System, a community-based long-range plan for Heeia  
4 state park must be developed. Additionally, the Heeia national  
5 estuarine research reserve system must establish a facility that  
6 will house a new education center.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for a Heeia  
8 state park community-based long-range plan and an education  
9 center for the Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
14 2020-2021 for the Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve  
15 System to be allocated as follows:

- 16 (1) \$250,000 for the Heeia state park community-based  
17 long-range plan; and  
18 (2) \$150,000 for the Heeia National Estuarine Research  
19 Reserve System education center.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
21 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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**Report Title:**

Heeia State Park; National Estuarine Research Reserve System;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation for a Heeia State Park community-based long-range plan and education center for the Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

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