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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAILS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii statewide  
2 trail and access program, known as nā ala hele, was established  
3 in 1988 in response to public concern about the loss of public  
4 access to certain trails and the threat to historic trails from  
5 development pressure. Nā ala hele addresses trail management  
6 and regulatory issues across the State. The legislature notes  
7 that according to the 2015 Hawaii State Comprehensive Outdoor  
8 Recreation Plan, there are two areas regarding public hiking  
9 identified for improvement:

- 10           (1) Demand for more trails or access to mauka lands; and  
11           (2) The need for trail facilities and maintenance.

12           The legislature further finds that Hawaii county faces a  
13 particularly acute deficit of trails and public land access.  
14 There are currently only three legal hiking trails for non-  
15 hunters in west Hawaii, as compared to forty-one on Oahu,  
16 thirty-five on Kauai, and nineteen on Maui. Many of the most  
17 popular trails in Hawaii county, listed in guidebooks and



1 increasingly publicized on social media, involve trespassing  
2 across private property. Statewide, in these areas lacking  
3 public access to trails, the public often resort to trespassing  
4 across private lands. This poses challenges to public access,  
5 safety, and landowner liability.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
7 establishment of a permanent full-time equivalent abstractor  
8 position and a permanent full-time equivalent land and access  
9 specialist to adequately address the nā ala hele program needs  
10 regarding the protection and expansion of public trail access  
11 statewide.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$84,730 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
16 2020-2021 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0  
17 FTE) permanent land and access specialist IV position for the nā  
18 ala hele program.

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



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$82,653 or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
 4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 5 2020-2021 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0  
 6 FTE) permanent abstractor X position for the nā ala hele  
 7 program.

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

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for the establishment of a permanent full-time equivalent abstractor position and a permanent full-time equivalent land and access specialist within the Nā Ala Hele Program for trail access.

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