A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NA WAI EHA WATERSHED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Na Wai Eha watershed in Wailuku, Maui, provides significant ecological, cultural, and hydrological value to the island of Maui. It is composed of native koa, ohia, and lama forests and includes hidden valleys and mountains reaching five thousand feet. It serves as the habitat for over forty-five endangered species and is the principal source of Maui's drinking water. Nearly nine thousand acres of this critical watershed is up for sale, providing a rare opportunity to preserve this enormous section of the West Maui mountains in perpetuity for public recreation and benefit.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds from the land conservation fund for the acquisition of the Na Wai Eha watershed in Wailuku, Maui, to protect its scenic, environmental, and cultural value.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the land conservation fund the sum of $ or so much thereof as
may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the land
acquisition of 8,898.7 acres of the Na Wai Eha watershed in
Wailuku, Maui; provided that no funds shall be made available
under this Act unless the county of Maui provides matching funds
of at least $ for the purpose for which this sum is
appropriated or for the purchase of the associated water systems
and easements offered by the seller. This project is deemed
necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and
reimbursement. The sum appropriated is anticipated to be
supplemented by federal funds.

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

SECTION 3. The appropriation made in section 2 of this Act
shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the
appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the
appropriation that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall
lapse as of that date.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.
Report Title:
Land Conservation Fund; DLNR; Maui County; Matching Funds; Appropriation

Description:
Appropriates money out of the land conservation fund for the acquisition of the Na Wai Eha watershed in Wailuku, Maui. Requires the County of Maui to provide matching funds for the land acquisition or for the purchase of the associated water systems and easements. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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