
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that two chemicals
2 contained in many sunscreens, oxybenzone and octinoxate, have
3 significant harmful impacts on Hawaii's marine environment and
4 residing ecosystems, including coral reefs that protect Hawaii's
5 shoreline. Act 104, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, bans the sale,
6 offer of sale, and distribution in the State of any sunscreen,
7 excluding facial cosmetics, that contains oxybenzone or
8 octinoxate, without a prescription, beginning January 1, 2021.
9 Visitors to Hawaii may be unaware of the harmful impacts of
10 oxybenzone and octinoxate and may also be unfamiliar with
11 sunscreen products that do not contain these chemicals.

12 The purpose of this Act is to establish a two-year pilot
13 program at Waikiki beach, Pupukea beach park, Wailea beach, and
14 Honolua Bay beach in an effort to protect Hawaii's reefs and
15 combat skin cancers.

16 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
17 shall establish a two-year sunscreen dispenser pilot program to



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1 install sunscreen dispensers at Waikiki beach, Pupukea
 2 beach park, Wailea beach, and Honolua Bay beach to provide
 3 sunscreens that do not contain oxybenzone or octinoxate to
 4 visitors. Each dispenser shall include informational signage to
 5 educate visitors to the State about the harmful effects of
 6 oxybenzone and octinoxate sunscreen on coral reefs and to
 7 encourage visitors to the State to refrain from using sunscreen
 8 containing oxybenzone or octinoxate.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and
 12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 13 year 2022-2023 for the sunscreen dispenser pilot program.

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

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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Report Title:

Environment; Health; Sunscreen Dispensers; Oxybenzone;
Octinoxate; Appropriation

Description:

Requires DLNR to establish a two-year pilot program to install sunscreen dispensers at Waikiki beach, Pupukea beach park, Wailea beach, and Honolua Bay beach to provide sunscreens without oxybenzone or octinoxate to visitors and educate visitors on the harmful effects of oxybenzone and octinoxate on the marine environment. Appropriates funds for the pilot program.

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