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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER CONTAMINATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is home to  
2 the best beaches and marine life in the world, with millions of  
3 visitors coming each year to swim, surf, snorkel, scuba dive,  
4 and sunbathe on our shores. As such, the State must be a good  
5 steward of the land and sea by protecting Hawaii's habitats and  
6 ecosystems for future generations. Hawaii's terrestrial and  
7 marine life may be threatened from imprudent past and present  
8 practices that may be affecting the quality of the State's  
9 waters.

10           The department of health, in collaboration with the  
11 department of agriculture and United States Geological Survey  
12 Cooperative, responded to public concerns about pesticide use  
13 with a statewide pesticide sampling pilot project of twenty-four  
14 sites to determine the pesticide levels present at a single  
15 point in time. However, more information is needed on the water  
16 quality to determine any correlation or causation of adverse  
17 effects to marine life.



1           The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to the  
2 department of health and department of agriculture for a joint  
3 water-quality study of the water resources, including but not  
4 limited to ground water, surface water, and adjacent marine  
5 waters, of the Waialua district on the island of Oahu.

6           SECTION 2. (a) The department of health and department of  
7 agriculture shall collaborate to conduct a water-quality  
8 pesticide sampling study of the water resources, including but  
9 not limited to ground water, surface water, and adjacent marine  
10 waters, of the Waialua district on the island of Oahu; provided  
11 that the departments may, in their discretion, consult and  
12 partner with other relevant government and non-government  
13 agencies, organizations, businesses, experts, and individuals in  
14 their analysis.

15           (b) The department of health and department of agriculture  
16 shall sample and test for any pesticides, pollutants, and toxic  
17 chemicals no less than two times per month for twelve  
18 consecutive months.

19           (c) The department of health and department of agriculture  
20 shall update their water-quality plan to the extent necessary to  
21 describe the present scope of the water quality in the Waialua



1 district on the island of Oahu and any recommendations related  
2 to policy, programs, and funding to address water-quality  
3 concerns.

4 (d) The department of health and department of agriculture  
5 may contract for the services of another entity to perform  
6 economic modeling or any related services that may be required  
7 pursuant to this Act. Any contract for services executed  
8 pursuant to this Act shall be exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii  
9 Revised Statutes.

10 (e) The department of health and department of agriculture  
11 shall submit the study to the legislature no later than twenty  
12 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to conduct  
16 a water-quality study of the water resources, including but not  
17 limited to ground water, surface water, and adjacent marine  
18 waters, of the Waialua district on the island of Oahu.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of health and department of agriculture for the purposes of this  
3 Act.

4           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



**Report Title:**

Water-quality Study; Environmental Protection; Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture for a water-quality study of the water resources, including but not limited to ground water, surface water, and adjacent marine waters, of the Waialua district on the island of Oahu. (HB2435 HD1)

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