
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A BLACK CINDER CONE QUARRY SITE SURVEY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that increased
2 accessibility to an ample supply of black cinder is a long-term
3 economic benefit for Hawaii. While black cinder is limited in
4 supply, expensive in price, and difficult to access, its use
5 improves agriculture production and stimulates plant growth, for
6 which it is used in plant nurseries and the floral industry.
7 Black cinder is also used in horticulture and landscaping for
8 its beneficial drainage properties. As black cinder gains
9 popularity, new uses will be sought, which will in turn increase
10 and diversify demand.

11 The legislature recognizes that the use of state resources
12 for research and selection of new black cinder cone quarry sites
13 can assist industries that use large quantities of black cinder
14 or that assist in its distribution, including plant nurseries,
15 coffee farms, flower farms, ornamental industry, horticultural
16 industry, landscaping industry, residential and commercial
17 construction, and merchants and wholesalers.



1 The legislature also recognizes that a cinder cone quarry
2 can only be established through mining an existing cosmic
3 deposit created by a volcanic eruption.

4 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
5 land and natural resources, in collaboration with the county of
6 Hawaii, to conduct site surveys on the island of Hawaii to
7 identify the most suitable locations for new black cinder cone
8 quarries.

9 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural
10 resources, in collaboration with the county of Hawaii, shall
11 conduct site surveys on the island of Hawaii to identify the
12 most suitable locations for new black cinder cone quarries.

13 (b) Any lands on the island of Hawaii owned by the State
14 or county of Hawaii may be considered in determining where to
15 conduct site surveys. Lands owned by private parties may be
16 considered and site surveys may be conducted pursuant to
17 agreements with landowners.

18 (c) The department of land and natural resources, in
19 collaboration with the county of Hawaii, shall submit a report
20 of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
2 of 2022. The report shall include:

- 3 (1) A list of lands determined to be the most suitable
4 locations for new black cinder cone quarries,
5 including information regarding ownership of each
6 parcel of land;
- 7 (2) A discussion of any accessibility issues regarding the
8 lands;
- 9 (3) Ways the State may help facilitate access to
10 interested industries;
- 11 (4) Any proposed legislation; and
- 12 (5) Any other matters that the department and county
13 believe are relevant for consideration.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the funds received
15 by the State of Hawaii from the American Rescue Plan Act
16 of 2021, Public Law 117-2 (Section 9901), the sum of \$150,000,
17 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022
18 for the purposes of this Act.

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

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



Report Title:

Site Surveys; Black Cinder Cone Quarries; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of land and natural resources, in collaboration with the county of Hawaii, to conduct site surveys to identify the most suitable locations for black cinder cone quarries on the island of Hawaii. Requires a report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. (CD1)

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