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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO FLOOD MITIGATION IN MANOA VALLEY.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that although numerous  
2 communities in Hawaii experience periodic flooding during times  
3 of heavy rain, Manoa Valley is particularly susceptible to  
4 flooding. For more than sixty years, the intersection of East  
5 Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue has flooded following a downpour,  
6 with water levels rising above the curb. This causes the  
7 intersection to become nearly impassable to motor vehicles that  
8 may stall in the flooded waters and is hazardous to pedestrians  
9 who may be unable to see nearby storm drains or curbs.

10       The legislature believes that the intersection of East  
11 Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue is a critical thoroughfare since it  
12 is the primary entrance into, and exit from, Manoa Valley.  
13 Flooding at the intersection causes traffic congestion, results  
14 in blocked roads, and delays police, fire, and emergency medical  
15 services from responding to emergencies throughout Manoa Valley.

16       The legislature further finds that House Concurrent  
17 Resolution 147, Regular Session of 2021, (H.C.R. 147) convened a



1 working group to make recommendations on flood mitigation at the  
2 intersection of East Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue. The working  
3 group met, reviewed decades of past solutions which proved to be  
4 unviable, and issued a report referencing a solution involving  
5 directing excessive waters into underground water storage  
6 locations having adequate capacity and in close proximity to the  
7 flooded areas, until other flood waters have drained and then  
8 pumping the water out of the storage locations to drainage  
9 areas.

10 The purpose of this Act is to require the city and county  
11 of Honolulu to implement flood mitigation in Manoa Valley by  
12 implementing the solution referenced by the H.C.R. 147 working  
13 group and to provide funding for the capital improvement  
14 project.

15 SECTION 2. The legislature declares that the project  
16 described in this Act is a capital improvement project that  
17 qualifies for a grant-in-aid pursuant to chapter 214, Hawaii  
18 Revised Statutes.

19 SECTION 3. The city and county shall implement flood  
20 mitigation in Manoa Valley at the intersection of East Manoa  
21 Road and Oahu Avenue and nearby locations, as necessary, taking



1 into consideration the idea referenced by the working group  
2 convened pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 147, Regular  
3 Session of 2021, to direct excessive waters into underground  
4 water storage locations having adequate capacity and in close  
5 proximity to the flooded areas, until other flood waters have  
6 drained and then pumping the water out of the storage locations  
7 to drainage areas.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a  
11 grant-in-aid to the city and county of Honolulu to implement  
12 flood mitigation in Manoa Valley pursuant to this Act.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and  
14 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.  
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# H.B. NO. 2425

**Report Title:**

Manoa Valley; City and County of Honolulu; Flood Mitigation;  
Grant-in-Aid; Appropriation

**Description:**

Provides a grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu for  
flood mitigation in Manoa Valley on the island of Oahu.  
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