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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEACHES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 226-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) To achieve the land-based, shoreline, and marine  
4 resources objectives, it shall be the policy of this State to:

5 (1) Exercise an overall conservation ethic in the use of  
6 Hawaii's natural resources.

7 (2) Ensure compatibility between land-based and  
8 water-based activities and natural resources and  
9 ecological systems.

10 (3) Take into account the physical attributes of areas  
11 when planning and designing activities and facilities.

12 (4) Manage natural resources and environs to encourage  
13 their beneficial and multiple use without generating  
14 costly or irreparable environmental damage.

15 (5) Consider multiple uses in watershed areas~~[7]~~; provided  
16 ~~[such]~~ that the uses do not detrimentally affect water  
17 quality and recharge functions.



1 (6) Encourage the protection of rare or endangered plant  
2 and animal species and habitats native to Hawaii.

3 (7) Provide public incentives that encourage private  
4 actions to protect significant natural resources from  
5 degradation or unnecessary depletion.

6 (8) Pursue compatible relationships among activities,  
7 facilities, Native Hawaiian traditional practices  
8 mauka and makai, and natural resources.

9 (9) Promote increased accessibility and prudent use of  
10 inland and shoreline areas for public recreational,  
11 educational, and scientific purposes.

12 (10) Promote statewide beach assessments and beach and  
13 shoreline adaptation, restoration, and conservation to  
14 develop feasible beach and shoreline adaptation,  
15 restoration, or conservation options."

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
20 year 2024-2025 for the development of a statewide beach  
21 assessment study and a beach and shoreline adaptation,



1 restoration, and conservation plan; provided that the office of  
2 planning and sustainable development shall submit the statewide  
3 beach assessment study and beach and shoreline adaptation,  
4 restoration, and conservation plan to the legislature no later  
5 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
6 of 2025.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
8 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this  
9 Act.

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii State Planning Act; OPSD; Beach Assessment Study; Beach and Shoreline Adaptation, Restoration, and Conservation Plan; Appropriation

**Description:**

Includes in the State's policies for the physical environment under the Hawaii State Planning Act, the promotion of statewide beach assessments and beach and shoreline adaptation, restoration, and conservation and the pursuit of compatible relationships among activities, facilities, Native Hawaiian traditional practices mauka to makai, and natural resources. Appropriates funds to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development for the development of a statewide beach assessment study and shoreline adaptation, restoration, and conservation plan. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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