
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR
HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the establishment of
2 a two-year program to generate web-GIS wildfire susceptibility
3 and vulnerability maps for the State is a matter of statewide
4 concern pursuant to article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State
5 Constitution.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The university of Hawaii shall establish
7 and implement a two-year program to generate web-GIS wildfire
8 susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine
9 which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are
10 most vulnerable to future wildfires.

11 (b) The university of Hawaii shall submit a report of its
12 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
13 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
14 to the convening of the regular session of 2026.

15 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
16 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and



1 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
 2 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
 3 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
 4 to be exceeded by \$ or per cent. The reasons for
 5 exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the
 6 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
 7 interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
 11 development of wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps
 12 for the State pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
 14 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act; provided that the moneys
 15 appropriated by this Act shall not lapse at the end of the
 16 fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided
 17 further that all moneys from the appropriation unencumbered on
 18 June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

UH; Wildfire Susceptibility; Wildfire Vulnerability; Wildfire Management; Public Safety; Risk Mitigation; Maps; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a 2-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires. Makes an appropriation. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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