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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WAIPIO VALLEY.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
4 and to read as follows:

5 "§171- Waipio valley advisory commission. (a) There  
6 is established the Waipio valley advisory commission within the  
7 department for administrative purposes. The commission shall  
8 advise the department on the development of a long-term plan for  
9 ensuring the proper stewardship, preservation, and maintenance  
10 of Waipio valley on the island of Hawaii for future generations,  
11 including:

12 (1) Facilitating culturally appropriate agriculture,  
13 education, and natural resource restoration and  
14 management;

15 (2) Facilitating productive interaction between residents  
16 and users of Waipio valley to develop a common vision  
17 and make recommendations for public policy related to  
18 Waipio valley; and



1       (3) Exploring potential federal, state, county, and  
2           private sources of funding for an educational resource  
3           center in Waipio valley.

4       (b) The governor shall invite the mayor of the county of  
5 Hawaii and representatives from the following organizations or  
6 groups to participate as members:

7       (1) The Kukuihaele-Waipio Community Association;

8       (2) The Waipio Taro Farmers Association;

9       (3) Non-commercial taro farmers;

10      (4) The Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum;

11      (5) Waipio valley small land owners;

12      (6) Friends of the Future;

13      (7) Kanu o ka Aina Learning Center;

14      (8) Hawaii county council;

15      (9) Office of Hawaiian affairs;

16      (10) Mauna Kea soil and water conservation district;

17      (11) The legislature; and

18      (12) Waipio valley kupuna.

19      (c) The commission shall elect a chairperson from among  
20 its members.



1 (d) The members of the commission shall serve without  
2 compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel and other  
3 necessary expenses.

4 (e) The commission may invite resource personnel to assist  
5 with its work, including personnel from:

6 (1) The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural  
7 Resources Conservation Service;

8 (2) The department of land and natural resources; and

9 (3) The county of Hawaii planning department.

10 (f) The commission shall submit an annual report to the  
11 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
12 each regular session. The annual report shall include a list of  
13 all recommendations made by the commission and the resulting  
14 action taken by the department of land and natural resources  
15 over the course of the prior year."

16 PART II

17 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that in January 2012, the  
18 Mauna Kea soil and water conservation district released the  
19 Waipio Valley Flood Damage Reduction and Stream Stabilization  
20 Preliminary Investigation report prepared by AECOM. The report  
21 recommended mitigation measures at the Kawashima Waterhead and



1 the Linda Beech Crossing to stabilize the Wailoa stream channel  
2 and protection against erosion.

3 The purpose of this part is to appropriate moneys to fund  
4 flood damage and stream erosion mitigation measures in Waipio  
5 valley.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the  
9 design and construction of flood damage reduction and stream  
10 stabilization in Waipio valley on the island of Hawaii.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
12 land and natural resources for the purposes of this part.

13 PART III

14 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Waipio Valley Advisory Commission; Flood Mitigation;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Waipio Valley Advisory Commission to advise the Department of Land and Natural Resources on the development of a long-term plan for ensuring the proper stewardship, preservation, and maintenance of Waipio Valley. Appropriates funds for the design and construction of flood damage reduction and stream stabilization in Waipio Valley. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB414 HD2)

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