## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO BEACHES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the courts of this
- 2 State and the legislature have consistently supported and
- ensured the rights of the public to access the shoreline and 3
- 4 inland mountain areas of the State for recreational and cultural
- 5 purposes. One factor that has led to denial of public access to
- 6 certain shoreline and inland areas is the proliferation of
- 7 private communities with gates, guard stations, and private
- 8 roadways. Another factor that contributes to the lack of public
- 9 access, especially to beaches, is the lack of parking areas for
- 10 access to the shoreline.
- The legislature believes that a critical step in solving 11
- 12 this issue is to definitively locate all existing public access
- 13 ways to the shorelines throughout the State.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to survey and
- 15 map all existing public access ways to shorelines throughout the
- 16 State.
- 17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so





- 1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
- 2 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 3 year 2008-2009, to survey and map all existing public access
- 4 ways to shoreline areas throughout the State.
- 5 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
- 6 department of land and natural resources for the purposes of
- 7 this Act.

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8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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## Report Title:

Shoreline; Public Access; Appropriation

## Description:

Appropriates funds for the department of land and natural resources to survey and map all existing public access ways to shoreline areas.

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