



A BILL

to aid and assist the province of Hawaii with the disposal of ocean debris.

WHEREAS, the province of Hawaii consistently has to deal with a deluge of ocean debris on a schedule,

WHEREAS, the location of the province of Hawaii makes it susceptible to ocean currents that bring in ocean debris,

WHEREAS, ocean debris impacts the tourism industry of the province of Hawaii, which directly affects the economy of the state of Sierra,

WHEREAS, illegal ocean dumping makes the problem with ocean debris even more difficult and intensive,

WHEREAS, the state of Sierra has thus far taken no action to assist the province of Hawaii with ocean debris,

The People of the State of Sierra do ENACT as follows—

SECTION I. Short Name & Findings

- A. This Act may be cited as the Hawaiian Ocean Debris Act or HODA
- B. The Assembly of the State of Sierra finds the following—
- a. Coral reefs are an important part of the Hawaiian ecosystem, these same coral reefs are [threatened](#) by ocean debris,
 - b. The province of Hawaii is within the [North Pacific Subtropical Gyre](#), a clockwise pattern of prevailing currents, which would move any trash away,
 - c. [Fishing nets](#) and other fishing waste directly harm coral reefs and ocean wildlife, who get tangled in the nets and harmed,
 - d. The HWF estimated that there could be [15 to 20 tons](#) of debris on Kamilo Beach,
 - e. The HWF estimated that about plastic comprised [90%](#) of the tons of debris found on Kamilo Beach,
 - f. The Great Pacific Garbage patch is [east](#) of the islands of the province of Hawaii,
 - g. Garbage accumulation in the province of Hawaii has become so bad it [effects](#) the residents of the province,
 - h. Formerly diverse environments are [plagued](#) with plastic and other disposable waste,
 - i. This has been proven to [hurt](#) tourism and real estate value,
 - j. The Department of Land and Natural Resources has identified up to [20,000 bits](#) of debris on the main Hawaiian islands,
 - k. The island of Niihau has had up to [8,000 pieces](#) of debris on it's shore

1. The majority of the ocean debris is comprised of plastic or disposable waste

Section II. Definitions

- A.** District, as used in this bill, is defined as ‘an area of a country or city, especially one regarded as a distinct unit because of a particular characteristic.’
- B.** Manager, as used in this bill, is defined as “a person responsible for controlling or administering all or part of a company or similar organization.”
- C.** Advertisement, as used in this bill, is defined as “a notice or announcement in a public medium promoting a product, service, or event or publicizing a job vacancy.”
- D.** Trash bin, as used in this bill, is defined as “A waste container is a container for temporarily storing waste, and is usually made out of metal or plastic.”
- E.** Litter, as used in this bill, is defined as “trash, such as paper, cans, and bottles, that is left lying in an open or public place.”
- F.** Trash, as used in this bill, is defined as “discarded matter; refuse.”

Section III. Provincial State-Funded Beautification Effort

- A.** The state of Sierra will fund a group of 50 employees.
- B.** These employees are tasked with picking up trash or litter.
- C.** This group of employees will be referred to as the “Litter Prevention and Clean-Up Crew”.
- D.** The islands of the province of Hawaii shall be separated into 9 districts for ease of management, those being:
 - a.* Niihau District;
 - b.* Kauai District;
 - c.* Oahu District;

- d.* Molokai District;
- e.* Lanai District;
- f.* Maui District;
- g.* Kahoolawe District;
- h.* Hawaii District 1;
- i.* Hawaii District 2.

E. These employees will be comprised of:

- a.* 1 Central Manager
 - i.* Manages the District Manager and reports to the Governor of Sierra
- b.* 9 District Managers
 - i.* Manages the Crew Employees and reports on progress
- c.* 40 Crew employees
 - i.* Tasked with clean-up

F. Each District will be searched for trash and litter bi-monthly.

G. The Litter Prevention Clean-Up Crew is authorized to make priority complaints to trash collection for heavy litter.

H. Employees of the Litter Prevention Clean-Up Crew can work as volunteers without pay,

- a.* These volunteer hours can count towards regular volunteering, and excludes volunteer work assigned as punishment by a court of law.

I. Each crew member employee will be provided with a vest that is separate and distinct from those who clean up litter as a punishment.

J. The employee benefits of this work are the same as a state government employee.

Section IV. Citizen Litter Collection Initiative

- A.** The State of Sierra will invest funds into a citizen led initiative to keep Sierra Clean.
- B.** The State of Sierra will distribute resources to the county level trash collection sites.
- C.** In exchange for collecting litter citizens of Sierra can be paid per lb. of litter, the rates are as follows:
 - a.* For one pound the collector is given a voucher for 5 dollars, which can be exchanged at a participating machines
 - b.* Past the tenth (10 lb.) pound, the rate drops to 4 dollars per pound, which can be exchanged at a participating machines
 - c.* Past the twentieth (20 lb.) pound, the rate drops to 3 dollars per pound, which can be exchanged at a participating machines
 - d.* Past the thirtieth (30 lb.) pound, the rater drops to 2 dollars per pound, which can be exchanged at a participating machines
 - e.* Past the fortieth (40 lb.) pound, the rate drops to 1 dollar per pound, which can be exchanged at a participating machines
- D.** The State of Sierra will invest in a media campaign to promote the program
 - a.* This campaign will take the form of two main focuses:
 - i.* A social media campaign
 - ii.* A statewide school program
 - b.* The social media campaign will:
 - i.* Make several advertisements that show up on the platforms of:

1. Snapchat
2. Instagram
3. Tik Tok
4. Facebook
5. Twitter
6. Reddit

ii. These advertisements will be:

1. A 30 second video promoting the program itself
2. Several informational graphics on how to get the vouchers and how to claim the voucher
3. Fun how-to guides on how to reuse litter
4. Banners that link to the official initiative website

c. A website will be made as an offshoot of the official Sierra government website to promote and spread information about the program and the initiative

d. The school program will:

- i.** Holding a school assembly to teach why littering is a negative for the environment for grades Kindergarten to 5th Grade
- ii.** For grades 6 through 8, the state of Sierra will include a section on environmental pollution in the curriculum

Section V. Trash Can Expansion

A. The State of Sierra will invest in trash collection bins near public beaches.

- B.** Trash bin availability near beaches will decrease litter on public beaches.
- C.** The Secretary of Labor, Education, Health, and Human Services will be tasked with providing the Governor of Sierra with a map of every public trash receptacle near public beaches.
- D.** The Governor of Sierra will then use this map and increase the projected amount of trash receptacles two-fold, that are with-in 1 mile of a waterfront.
- E.** These trash receptacles will be outfitted with a disposable bag dispenser that can collect food waste and other forms.
 - a. These bags will be biodegradable for ease and lack of hypocrisy

Section VI. Cleanliness Trust

- A.** A trust fund will be created for the intended purpose of keeping the Litter Prevention and Clean-Up Crew funded.
- B.** This trust will be referred to as the Cleanliness Trust.
- C.** The Governor of Sierra will appropriate funds for this trust fund as determined and recommended to him or her by his or her cabinet.

Section VII. Appropriations

- A.** The Sierra State Assembly shall appropriate a minimum of \$550,000 for sections **III.** of this bill.
- B.** The Sierra State Assembly shall appropriate a minimum of \$50,000 for sections **IV.** of this bill.
- C.** The Sierra State Assembly shall appropriate a minimum of \$30,000 for sections **V.** of this bill.

Section VIII. Enactment and Severability

- A.** The Hawaiian Ocean Debris Act shall go into effect during the fiscal year of 2021 upon passage of the act through the Sierran General Assembly.

B. Severability.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if any provision of this section, or any amendment made by this section, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, this section and amendments made by this section and the application of such provision or amendment to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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