

URGENT: LEGACY LAND LEGISLATIVE ALERT ([House Bill 1153 Senate Draft 2](#))

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025: Expecting House floor vote to agree or disagree with Senate Draft 2 of House Bill 1153.

Part V, Section 13 of this measure includes, at line 52, a proposal to transfer over \$4 million from the Land Conservation Fund to the State General Fund (an amount that the Senate considers to be "in excess of the requirements" of the Land Conservation Fund).

You may wish to consider alerting Representatives, immediately, to this proposal—via phone, email, and personal contact—and expressing your opinion about how a Representative should vote on this proposed measure when it returns to the House.

- If the House disagrees with the amendments passed in the Senate, then the bill will either go to sleep or be referred to a conference committee, which may consider further amendments.
- If the House agrees with the amendments passed in the Senate, then the bill will go straight to the Governor for further action as is.

BACKGROUND:

On Tuesday, April 8, the full Senate voted 23-2 in favor of House Bill 1153 Senate Draft 2.

The Legacy Land Conservation Program notes that:

- (1) the proposed transfer of over \$4 million from the Land Conservation Fund to the general fund would reduce the amount available for Fiscal Year 2026 Legacy Land grant awards from \$7 million to \$3 million, and
- (2) the Turtle Bay Conservation Easement Special Fund, which is not yet listed in Part V, Section 13 of the bill, has an unencumbered excess balance of over \$10 million, half of which is derived from annual deposits contributed by the Land Conservation Fund. Under current statute ([HRS 171-172](#)), this excess balance will continue increasing until full amortization of the Turtle Bay Reimbursable General Obligation Bonds (in 2035), after which it will all be transferred to the general fund.

Please contact the program office (legacyland@hawaii.gov) for additional information.

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