HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL 52 (2025)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF STREAMS AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address the maintenance of streams and other bodies of water.

SECTION 2. Section 40-2.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Definitions") is amended by amending the definition of "Streams" to read as follows:

"***Streams.*** Natural, altered, or improved channels that have seasonal or continuous water flows as a result of either surface stormwater runoff or groundwater influx, or both. Streams include channels, streambeds, streambanks, drainageways, and stream mouths. Streams do not include ditches, flumes, reservoirs, lagoons, holding and silting basins, endorheic lakes, endorheic ponds and their associated ditches, underground drain lines or systems, and any portions of irrigation systems."

SECTION 3. Section 40-3.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Definitions") is amended by amending the definition of "Stream" to read as follows:

"***Stream.*** Natural, altered, or improved channels that have seasonal or continuous water flows as a result of either surface stormwater runoff or groundwater influx, or both. Streams include channels, canals, streambeds, streambanks, drainageways, and stream mouths. Streams do not include ditches, flumes, reservoirs, lagoons, holding and silting basins, endorheic lakes, endorheic ponds, and their associated ditches, underground drain lines or systems, and any portions of irrigation systems."

SECTION 4. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the underscoring.

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SECTION 5. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Radiant Cabral

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUL 10 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Streams; Lakes; Ponds; Endorheic Basin; Maintenance of Channels, Streambeds, Streambanks, and Drainageways; City-Owned Streams; Definitions; Department of Facility Maintenance ("DFM")

Description:
Amends the definitions of "Streams" in ROH Section 40-2.2 and "Stream" in ROH Section 40-3.1 to clarify that lakes and ponds in the list of bodies of water that are excluded from the definitions only include endorheic lakes and ponds.

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