A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PERTAINING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1	PAR'I' I
2	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state
3	agricultural water use and development plan provides an overview
4	of all of our sources of agricultural water and sets certain
5	standards and priorities for the State. Due to limited funding,
6	the initial report released gave a limited overview of some of
7	the irrigation systems. Additional funding is necessary to
8	complete a comprehensive review of the entire state.
9	The purpose of this part is to authorize the issuance of
10	general obligation bonds for a comprehensive state agricultural
11	water use and development plan.
12	SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
13	general obligation bonds in the sum of \$500,000 or so much
14	thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum or so much thereof
15	as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2006-2007 to
16	complete the agricultural water use and development plan. This
17	project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing
18	or reimbursement pursuant to Public Law 106-566.

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1	PARI II
2	SECTION 3. The legislature finds that the agricultural
3	water use and development plan of 2003 by the department of
4	agriculture lists \$10,050,000 in capital improvement projects
5	for the east Kauai irrigation system.
6	The purpose of this part is to authorize the issuance of
7	general obligation bonds for plans, design, and construction of
8	the east Kauai irrigation system to provide a reliable source of
9	agricultural water to the east Kauai region.
10	SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue
11	general obligation bonds in the sum of \$3,505,000 or so much
12	thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum or so much thereof
13	as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2006-2007
14	for plans, design, and construction of the east Kauai irrigation
15	system. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal
16	aid financing or reimbursement.
17	PART III
18	SECTION 5. The legislature finds that for agriculture to
19	succeed in Hawaii, farmers must have access to affordable land
20	and water resources. It is vital that farmers are provided the
21	necessary infrastructure to fully maximize their production
22	capabilities as well as compete in the global market.

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1	The legislature also finds that the Waimea irrigation
2	system services hundreds of acres of prime agricultural lands on
3	the island of Hawaii. It is critical to maintain this system so
4	that farmers can be assured that water will be available for
5	irrigation. This system needs additional funding to maintain
6	the system.
7	The purpose of this part is to authorize the issuance of
8	general obligation bonds for plans, design, and construction of
9	the Waimea irrigation system to provide a reliable source of
10	agricultural water to the Waimea region.
11	SECTION 6. The director of finance is authorized to issue
12	general obligation bonds in the sum of \$4,850,000 or so much
13	thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum or so much thereof
14	as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2006-2007
15	for plans, design, and construction of a:
16	1. Pipeline replacement \$4,500,000
17	2. PRV valve \$150,000
18	3. Fencing \$150,000
19	4. Pump replacement \$50,000
20	to maintain the Waimea irrigation system. This project is
21	deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing or
22	reimbursement.

1	PART IV
2	SECTION 7. The legislature finds that the Molokai
3	irrigation system is a key water source for the agricultural
4	community on Molokai. The system is in need of major repairs
5	and maintenance to ensure adequate and consistent water for
6	farming.
7	The purpose of this part is to authorize the issuance of
8	general obligation bonds for plans, design, and construction of
9	the Molokai irrigation system to provide a reliable source of
10	agricultural water to the Molokai region.
11	SECTION 8. The director of finance is authorized to issue
12	general obligation bonds in the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
13	thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum or so much thereof
14	as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2006-2007
15	for plans, design, and construction of the Molokai irrigation
16	system. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal
17	aid financing or reimbursement.
18	PART V
19	SECTION 9. The appropriations made for the capital
20	improvement projects authorized in this Act shall not lapse at
21	the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriations are
22	made; provided that all moneys from the appropriations that are

- unencumbered as of June 30, 2008, shall lapse as of that date; 1
- provided further that this lapsing date shall not apply to parts 2
- 3 I, II, III, and IV when such appropriations have been deemed
- 4 necessary to qualify for federal aid financing or reimbursement.
- 5 SECTION 10. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
- department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act. 6
- This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006. 7 SECTION 11.

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Description:

Authorizes general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvement projects pertaining to agriculture.