
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCT A TEST WELL IN UPCOUNTRY MAUI TO SERVE AS THE FIRST PHASE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GROUND WATER WELL TO SUPPLEMENT THE UPCOUNTRY MAUI SURFACE WATER SYSTEM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Maui county
2 water use and development plan indicates that the existing water
3 system cannot accommodate future growth in upcountry Maui and
4 that additional water sources are needed. The department of
5 land and natural resources supports the development of
6 additional ground water wells on Maui due to the difficulty in
7 developing new surface water diversions. In addition, increased
8 agricultural demands and regulation of surface water diversions
9 may reduce the amount of surface water available for the county
10 water system.

11 The county of Maui drought mitigation strategies of October
12 2004 indicated that ground water wells could also supplement the
13 surface water supply during drought periods. The study also
14 indicated that additional fifty to one hundred million gallon
15 lined reservoirs are needed.



1 Additional ground water wells could also be incorporated
 2 into the county's emergency preparedness plan to provide water
 3 in the event of a drought or an unplanned reduction or closure
 4 of surface water treatment facilities due to an earthquake or
 5 other natural disaster.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to plan,
 7 design, and construct a test well in upcountry Maui, either in
 8 Makawao or Pukalani, to serve as the first phase in the
 9 construction of a ground water well to supplement the upcountry
 10 surface water system.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000, or so
 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to
 14 plan, design, and construct a test well in upcountry Maui,
 15 either in Makawao or Pukalani, to serve as the first phase in
 16 the construction of a ground water well to supplement the
 17 upcountry surface water system.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 19 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Upcountry Maui; Water; Ground Water Wells

Description:

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