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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 167-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~[+] §167-23 [†]~~ Molokai irrigation system [~~water users~~  
4 ~~advisory~~] governing board; establishment; meetings. (a) There  
5 is established a Molokai irrigation system [~~water users~~  
6 ~~advisory~~] governing board, to be appointed by the governor under  
7 section 26-34. The [~~advisory~~] governing board shall consist of  
8 [~~six~~] eleven members, as follows:

9           (1) [A] Six homestead farmer [~~user~~] users on Molokai [†],  
10           to be nominated to the governor by the Hoolehua  
11           Homesteaders Association, Molokai Homestead Farmers  
12           Alliance, and Hoolehua Homestead Agriculture  
13           Association;

14           (2) A nonhomestead farmer user on Molokai;

15           (3) The designee (by name rather than office) of the  
16           Molokai Farm Bureau;



1 (4) The designee (by name rather than office) of Hikiola  
2 Cooperative, Inc.;

3 (5) The designee (by name rather than office) of the  
4 Molokai-Lanai soil and water conservation district;  
5 and

6 (6) The designee (by name rather than office) of the  
7 department of Hawaiian home lands.

8 The members of the [advisory] Molokai irrigation system  
9 governing board shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
10 entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while attending  
11 meetings and while in the discharge of their duties. For  
12 administrative purposes, and pursuant to section 26-35, the  
13 [advisory] Molokai irrigation system governing board shall be  
14 placed within the department of agriculture.

15 (b) The [advisory] Molokai irrigation system governing  
16 board shall meet with the department of agriculture at least six  
17 times each year. The meetings shall be held on Molokai,  
18 whenever possible.

19 The [advisory] Molokai irrigation system governing board's  
20 duties and responsibilities shall be to [~~advise the department~~  
21 ~~on matters of concern to the users of the system,~~] manage the  
22 Molokai irrigation system, to provide support for improvements



1 to the irrigation facilities, to participate in the long-range  
2 planning of the system, and to act as liaison between the users  
3 and the department."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Molokai Irrigation System

**Description:**

Makes Molokai irrigation system water users advisory board a governing board. Increases number of members of the board. Allows nomination from Molokai homestead stakeholder organizations.

