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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER FOR  
AGRICULTURAL USE ON LANAI.

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

1           SECTION 1. A one hundred-acre space on the island of Lanai  
2 was designated by the department of agriculture as an  
3 agricultural park to increase diversity of the island economy.  
4 While the availability of ample water supply at a reasonable  
5 cost is essential to the creation of an agriculture industry,  
6 water on Lanai is provided by a private company that has  
7 increased its water rates to such a degree that agriculture is  
8 not economically feasible for any farmer. The creation of an  
9 agriculture industry necessitates assistance in payment for the  
10 water. The Lanai Water Company, a privately-owned company that  
11 provides water on Lanai, has offered a match of any water  
12 subsidy provided by the State to pay for the purchase of water  
13 by farmers on Lanai. The legislature therefore finds it to be  
14 in the best interests for the creation of an agriculture  
15 industry on Lanai, to provide assistance to Lanai farmers in  
16 purchasing water.



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1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
2 purchase of water by Lanai farmers for agricultural use.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the  
6 purchase of water by Lanai farmers for agricultural use.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
8 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

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

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**Report Title:**

Lanai farmers; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the creation of a Lanai agriculture industry by providing funds for the purchase of water by the Lanai farmers.

