
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. A reliable irrigation system is the lifeline of
2 Hawaii's agricultural industry. To ensure that Hawaii's crops
3 receive a steady and dependable supply of water, sufficient
4 funding is needed to maintain and improve Hawaii's irrigation
5 systems. Increasing weather tendencies of extended drought
6 events highlight the need for timely repair and maintenance of
7 these systems.

8 The purpose of this Act is to provide additional funding
9 needed for improvements to irrigation systems throughout the
10 State.

11 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the Kau irrigation
12 system is essential to agricultural operations in the Kau area
13 on the island of Hawaii and that failing to maintain this
14 irrigation system will have a significant detrimental impact on
15 the area's community.

16 The legislature finds and declares that the appropriation
17 of public moneys under this Act for the maintenance and
18 improvement of Kau irrigation system is in the public interest



1 and for the public health, safety, and general welfare of the
2 State.

3 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
4 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2012-2013
7 for the purpose of making capital improvements to irrigation
8 systems as follows:

- 9 (1) \$1,000,000 for the Kunia agricultural park irrigation
10 system;
11 (2) \$3,300,000 for the Kau irrigation system;
12 (3) \$750,000 for the Molokai irrigation system;
13 (4) \$550,000 for the Waianae irrigation system; and
14 (5) \$150,000 for the Waimea irrigation system.

15 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital
16 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
17 the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made;
18 provided that all moneys from the appropriation in section 3
19 that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2014, shall lapse as of
20 that date.



1 SECTION 5. The sum appropriated in section 3 of this Act
2 shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the
3 purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Irrigation; General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements to various irrigation systems. (SD1)

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