## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established the joint legislative 2 committee on water security which shall be composed of the 3 members of the following legislative committees: 4 (1)Senate standing committee on water, land, and housing; 5 (2) House of representatives standing committee on water, 6 land, and ocean resources; 7 (3) Senate standing committee on agriculture; and 8 (4)House of representatives standing committee on 9 agriculture. 10 (b) The joint legislative committee on water security shall clearly delineate the meaning of "water security" to unify 11 12 the efforts of state agencies, county agencies, and other 13 stakeholders in developing water security strategies, including 14 the acquisition of sufficient water to meet current and future 15 agricultural and population needs of the State and the provision 16 of a reliable, adequate, and sustainable water system that is 17 resilient to man-made, natural, and technical risks. The joint

- 1 legislative committee shall also establish benchmarks to track
- 2 improvements in water security.
- 3 (c) The chairperson of the senate standing committee on
- 4 water, land, and housing and the chairperson of the house of
- 5 representatives standing committee on water, land, and ocean
- 6 resources shall serve as co-chairpersons and shall submit a
- 7 report of the joint legislative committee's findings,
- 8 recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the legislature
- 9 not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
- 10 session of 2013.
- 11 (d) The joint legislative water security committee shall
- 12 cease to exist on June 30, 2013.
- 13 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

# S.B. NO. 2667

### Report Title:

Water Security; Joint Legislative Committee

### Description:

Establishes a joint legislative committee to delineate the meaning of water security and establish benchmarks.

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