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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
- 3 agricultural crops receive a steady and dependable source of
- 4 water, sufficient funding is needed to maintain and improve
- 5 Hawaii's irrigation systems. The increasing incidences of water
- 6 droughts and the extended length of those droughts, particularly
- 7 on Molokai which is constantly plagued with drought conditions,
- 8 makes repair and maintenance of irrigation systems necessary for
- 9 agricultural production and food sustainability.
- 10 The purpose of this Act is to provide additional funding
- 11 needed for the Molokai irrigation system.
- 12 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
- qeneral obligation bonds in the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much
- 14 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
- 15 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2013-2014
- 16 for the purpose of making improvements to the Molokai irrigation
- 17 system.

- 1 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
- 2 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
- 3 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
- 4 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
- 5 unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of that date.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Molokai Irrigation System; GO Bonds

Description:

Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds to make improvements to the Molokai irrigation system.

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