

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a reliable
- 2 irrigation system is the lifeline of Hawaii's agricultural
- 3 industry. To ensure that Hawaii's crops receive a steady and
- 4 dependable supply of water, sufficient funding is needed to
- 5 maintain and improve Hawaii's irrigation systems. Increasing
- 6 weather tendencies of extended drought events highlight the need
- 7 for timely repair and maintenance of 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 director of finance is authorized to issue
- 12 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
- thereof as may be necessary and the sum of \$ or so
- 14 much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year
- 15 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
- 16 necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the

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- 1 purpose of making capital improvements to irrigation systems in
- 2 the State.
- 3 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated in section 2 of this Act
- 4 shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the
- 5 purposes of this Act.
- 6 SECTION 4. The appropriations made for the capital
- 7 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
- 8 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriations are
- 9 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriations in
- 10 section 2 that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse
- 11 as of that date.
- 12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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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.

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