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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KAMUELA VACUUM COOLING PLANT.

The Kamuela vacuum cooling plant is a large

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

2 warehouse operated by the Kamuela Farmers Cooperative in 3 partnership with the department of agriculture to cool down 4 Waimea-grown vegetables before being shipped to market. 5 Kamuela vacuum cooling plant processes approximately seven million pounds of produce annually, while also providing storage 6 and limited processing services. The Kamuela vacuum cooling 7 plant is over twenty-five years old and has sustained severe 8 wind damage that led to roof repair in 2008. The plant's 9 10 maintenance program is adversely affected by high energy costs. 11 Unless the cooling and electrical systems can be repaired or upgraded, expansion and diversification of the overall 12 operation of the cooling plant cannot be achieved. Further, the 13

introduction of new commodities will be difficult, and the

already limited processing and packing operations will remain

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The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for 1 phase II of the renovations to the Kamuela vacuum cooling plant. 2 The director of finance is authorized to issue 3 SECTION 2. 4 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$1,300,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof 5 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016 6 for the plans and design of phase II renovations for the Kamuela 7 8 vacuum cooling plant. SECTION 3. The sums appropriated for the respective 9 capital projects set forth in section 2 shall be expended by the 10 department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act. 11 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital 12 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at 13 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is 14 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation 15 16 unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse as of that date. SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015. 17

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Report Title:

CIP; Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant; General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the planning and designing phase II renovations to the Kamuela vacuum cooling plant.

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