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- 1 (1) Increase the recharge of groundwater resources;
- 2 (2) Encourage the reuse of water and reduce the use of
- 3 potable water for landscaping irrigation; and
- 4 (3) Improve the efficiency of potable and agricultural
- 5 water use.

6 SECTION 3. The department of land and natural resources
7 may establish an account or fund pursuant to section 37-52.5,
8 Hawaii Revised Statutes, into which shall be deposited:

- 9 (1) All moneys appropriated by the legislature;
- 10 (2) Gifts, grants, and other private funds; and
- 11 (3) Federal funds.

12 The moneys in the fund shall be used to fund priority projects
13 and programs to increase water security recommended by the water
14 security advisory group, provided that state funds are matched
15 on a one-for-one matching basis by the public or private agency
16 or organization that submitted the relevant proposal for a
17 project or program to increase water security.

18 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources
19 may contract with an independent non-profit entity to carry out
20 the duties and activities associated with this Act. Contractors
21 and other third parties, including independent non-profit



1 entities, who receive funds under this section may be subject to
2 review and inspection by the department of land and natural
3 resources, the attorney general, or the auditor. Upon request
4 by such agencies, the contractor, third party, or independent
5 non-profit entity shall be required to submit for review all
6 files, records, documents, and accounting related to the use and
7 expenditure of funds pursuant to this Act, regardless of whether
8 funds were received via contract, grant, or other agreement.

9 SECTION 5. The department of land and natural resources
10 shall establish a water security advisory group, not subject to
11 section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which shall consist of:

- 12 (1) The manager and chief engineer of the board of water
13 supply of each county or each manager and chief
14 engineer's designee;
- 15 (2) The deputy director for water resource management of
16 the department of land and natural resources;
- 17 (3) A member with knowledge of agricultural water storage
18 and delivery systems selected by the [~~chairperson of~~
19 ~~the board of land and natural resources,~~] president of
20 the senate;



- 1 (4) A member from a private landowning entity that
2 actively partners with a watershed partnership
3 selected by the [~~chairperson of the board of land and~~
4 ~~natural resources;~~] speaker of the house of
5 representatives;
- 6 (5) A member with knowledge, experience, and expertise in
7 the area of Hawaiian cultural practices selected by
8 the [~~chairperson of the board of land and natural~~
9 ~~resources;~~] president of the senate; and
- 10 (6) A member representing a conservation organization
11 selected by the [~~chairperson of the board of land and~~
12 ~~natural resources;~~] speaker of the house of
13 representatives.

14 The water security advisory group shall elect a chairperson
15 from among its members. Any action of the advisory group shall
16 be by a simple majority of its members. Five members shall
17 constitute a quorum.

18 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$750,000 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to carry
21 out the purposes of this Act.



- 1 (1) Establish new areas or increase existing areas for the
- 2 recharge of groundwater resources;
- 3 (2) Reduce the use of potable water for landscape
- 4 irrigation and encourage the reuse of water; and
- 5 (3) Improve the efficiency of potable domestic water or
- 6 agricultural irrigation use.
- 7 (c) All projects and programs recommended for approval by
- 8 the advisory group shall be required to track and report on the
- 9 amount of water conserved, recharged, or reused by the projects
- 10 and programs.

11 SECTION 8. The department of land and natural resources

12 shall submit an annual report on the pilot program established

13 pursuant to this Act to the governor and the legislature at

14 least twenty days prior to the convening of the 2017 and 2018

15 regular legislative sessions. The annual reports shall include:

- 16 (1) A summary of all the projects and programs approved to
- 17 increase water security by improving recharge of
- 18 groundwater, reducing the use of potable water for
- 19 irrigation, or encouraging reuse of water;
- 20 (2) Proposals for future projects and programs;
- 21 (3) A financial report for the preceding fiscal year; and



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1 (2) All unexpended and unencumbered moneys remaining in an
2 account or fund established pursuant to section 3 and
3 deemed to be in excess of the moneys necessary to
4 carry out the purposes of this Act shall lapse to the
5 credit of the general fund.

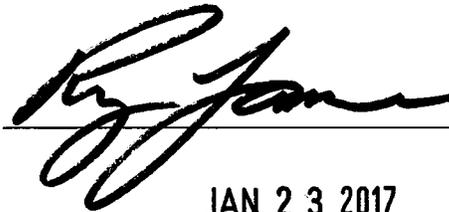
6 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016,
7 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2018."

8 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Water Security
Advisory Group

Description:

Amends the two-year pilot program in the Department of Land and Natural Resources that enables public-private partnerships to provide funds for projects that increase water security.

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