

1 ~~To provide reliable long term funding needed to meet the~~
 2 ~~State's Aloha+ Challenge conservation targets by 2030, partners~~
 3 ~~from multiple sectors, including county, state, and federal~~
 4 ~~governments as well as private philanthropic and corporate~~
 5 ~~entities, must work together to leverage funds and provide~~
 6 ~~matching opportunities.]~~

7 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a two-
 8 year pilot program for a water security advisory group to enable
 9 public-private partnerships that increase water security by
 10 providing matching state funds for projects and programs that:

- 11 (1) Increase the recharge of groundwater resources;
- 12 (2) Encourage the reuse of water and reduce the use of
- 13 potable water for landscaping irrigation; and
- 14 (3) Improve the efficiency of potable and agricultural
- 15 water use.

16 [PART II]

17 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
 18 shall establish a two-year pilot program for a water security
 19 advisory group to enable public-private partnerships that
 20 increase water security by providing matching state funds for
 21 projects and programs that:



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- 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 Act shall 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



1 (4) Objectives and budget projections for the following
2 fiscal year.

3 SECTION 9. Members of the water security advisory group
4 shall serve without compensation. All necessary expenses of
5 each member, including travel expenses, shall be paid by the
6 agency, organization, or department which the member represents.
7 No member shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised
8 Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a
9 member of the advisory group.

10 SECTION 10. The last contract for a project or program
11 recommended for approval by the water security advisory group
12 shall be executed before June 30, 2018.

13 [PART IV]

14 SECTION 11. Upon the repeal of this Act as provided in
15 section 12:

16 (1) All contracts, agreements, permits, or other documents
17 executed or entered into by the department of land and
18 natural resources pursuant to this Act shall remain in
19 full force and effect until terminated pursuant to the
20 terms of the relevant contract, agreement, permit, or
21 document; and



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 on July 1, 2050.



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. (HB838 HD1)

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