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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOAN PROGRAMS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the agricultural  
2 loan revolving fund has a balance of only \$1,800,000. The  
3 legislature further finds that more agricultural lands have  
4 become available, including the Galbraith Estate in Kunia, and  
5 that additional funds are required to support new farmers and  
6 improve the State's food self-sufficiency.

7           The legislature also finds that the department of  
8 agriculture has submitted a budget request for the Hawaii water  
9 infrastructure special fund, setting the ceiling of the fund at  
10 \$410,000. The legislature further finds that funding above that  
11 amount is necessary to provide for current and future loan  
12 applications, and that the fund's ceiling should be set at a  
13 higher amount.

14           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate additional funds  
15 to the agricultural loan revolving fund and Hawaii water  
16 infrastructure special fund, and to set a ceiling for the Hawaii  
17 water infrastructure special fund.



1 SECTION 2. Section 155-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§155-34[+] Hawaii water infrastructure special fund.

4 (a) There is established the Hawaii water infrastructure  
5 special fund into which shall be deposited:

6 (1) Water infrastructure charges received for the use and  
7 services of the loan program, including the repayment  
8 of loans made under the loan program;

9 (2) All other funds received by the department and legally  
10 available for the purposes of the water infrastructure  
11 special fund;

12 (3) Interest earnings on all amounts in the water  
13 infrastructure special fund; and

14 (4) Any other moneys permitted by the board of  
15 agriculture.

16 (b) Moneys in the water infrastructure special fund may be  
17 used for the purposes of:

18 (1) Making water infrastructure loans;

19 (2) Paying administrative costs of the loan program; or

20 (3) Paying any other costs related to the loan program.



1        (c) The unexpended and unencumbered moneys in the fund in  
2 excess of \$2,500,000 on June 30 of each fiscal year shall be  
3 transferred by the director of finance into and become a  
4 realization of the general fund on that date."

5        SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to be  
8 deposited into the agricultural loan revolving fund.

9        SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the agricultural  
10 loan revolving fund the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much thereof as  
11 may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for new farmers and  
12 anticipated disaster funding.

13        The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
14 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

15        SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,500,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to be  
18 deposited into the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund.

19        SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii water  
20 infrastructure special fund the sum of \$2,500,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for  
2 purposes of meeting current and anticipated loan applications.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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**Report Title:**

Agricultural Loan Revolving Fund; Hawaii Water Infrastructure Special Fund; Department of Agriculture; Appropriations

**Description:**

Sets a budget ceiling of \$2,500,000 for the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund. Appropriates funds for and out of the agricultural loan revolving fund and Hawaii water infrastructure special fund. (SD1)

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