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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.; MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED; AND HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares that the
- 2 issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in
- 3 the public interest and for the public health, safety, and
- 4 general welfare.
- 5 SECTION 2. Pursuant to part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii
- 6 Revised Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
- 7 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
- 8 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$700,000,000, in
- 9 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Hawaiian
- 10 Electric Company, Inc.; Maui Electric Company, Limited; and
- 11 Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., all Hawaii corporations, to
- 12 continue multi-project capital improvement programs, including
- 13 costs to cover the acquisition of land or the construction or
- 14 acquisition of facilities used or related to the production,
- 15 transmission, or distribution of electricity, or any combination
- 16 thereof; provided that the approval of the public utilities



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- 1 commission shall be required for any project financed by the
- 2 issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act. The
- 3 special purpose revenue bonds shall be issued for the
- 4 aforementioned purposes in the following distribution:
- 5 (1) Up to \$400,000,000 for Hawaiian Electric Company,
- 6 Inc.;
- 7 (2) Up to \$150,000,000 for Maui Electric Company, Limited;
- 8 and
- 9 (3) Up to \$150,000,000 for Hawaii Electric Light Company,
- 10 Inc.
- 11 The legislature hereby finds and determines that Hawaiian
- 12 Electric Company, Inc.; Maui Electric Company, Limited; and
- 13 Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. constitute a project as
- 14 defined in part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
- 15 the financing thereof is assistance to utilities serving the
- 16 general public in providing electric energy.
- 17 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 18 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
- 19 shall be issued pursuant to part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 20 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue

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- 1 bonds to assist utilities serving the general public in
- 2 providing electric energy.
- 3 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
- 4 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to
- 5 June 30, 2024, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
- 6 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
- 7 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized
- 8 in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds
- 9 authorized in this section, regardless of whether the
- 10 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
- 11 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
- 12 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
- 13 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
- 14 section 2. In making this determination, the department shall
- 15 comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal
- 16 income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature
- 17 authorized by this section.
- 18 SECTION 5. The authorization to issue special purpose
- 19 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2024.

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SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019. 1

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Report Title:

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; Maui Electric Company, Limited; Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.; Electric Utilities; Capital Improvement Programs; Special Purpose Revenue Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; Maui Electric Company, Limited; and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., to fund multiproject capital improvement programs and assist utilities serving the general public in providing electric energy.

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