

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

June 27, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2070 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST THE HAWAIIAN LEGACY REFORESTATION INITIATIVE TO RESTORE HAWAII'S FORESTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

**ACT 197** 

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

### Approved by the Governor

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THE SENATE
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 197 S.B. NO. S.D. 1 H.D. 1 C.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST THE HAWAIIAN LEGACY REFORESTATION INITIATIVE TO RESTORE HAWAII'S FORESTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

#### 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 IV, 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 \$50,000,000, in
- 9 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Hawaiian Legacy
- 10 Reforestation Initiative, LLC, a Hawaii limited liability
- 11 company, for generating a sustainable model of endemic
- 12 reforestation; ecosystem revitalization; endangered species
- 13 recovery; carbon credit sequestering by planning, designing, and
- 14 constructing; equipping private and public land owners with the
- 15 tools for endemic forest development; processing and
- 16 distribution of forest products, including eco-assets such as
- tree planting; endangered species management; endemic species 2022-3233 SB2070 CD1 SMA.doc

- 1 propagation; value-added agriculture; advanced materials;
- 2 sustainable timber; carbon credits; Hawaii cultural practice;
- 3 fine art; and Hawaii-made products. The legislature hereby
- 4 finds and determines that the planning, designing, constructing,
- 5 and equipping of facilities for the deployment of endemic
- 6 plants; technology systems to rebuild and manage Hawaii's forest
- 7 eco-assets and forest products, such as the production of carbon
- 8 credits; sustainable forest products; and value-added
- 9 agricultural products; constitute a project as defined in part
- 10 IV, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the financing
- 11 thereof is assistance to a processing enterprise.
- 12 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 13 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
- 14 shall be issued pursuant to part IV, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 15 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
- 16 bonds to assist processing enterprises.
- 17 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
- 18 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to
- 19 June 30, 2027, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
- 20 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
- 21 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized

- 1 in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds
- 2 authorized in this section, regardless of whether the
- 3 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
- 4 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
- 5 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
- 6 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
- 7 section 2. In making this determination, the department shall
- 8 comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal
  - 9 income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature
- 10 authorized by this section.
- 11 SECTION 5. The authorization to issue special purpose
- 12 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2027.
- 13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

S.B. NO.

APPROVED this 27th day of June , 2022

**GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII** 

# THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 3, 2022 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2070, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

## THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita Chief Clerk

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