H.B. NO. 906

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

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

1   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, pursuant to

2 Article XI, section 7, of the Hawaii State Constitution, the

3 "State has an obligation to protect, control and regulate the

4 use of Hawaii's water resources for the benefit of its people."

5 The legislature recognizes that because this essential resource

6 is limited, water in the State must be properly managed and

7 conserved. The legislature therefore believes that it is

8 necessary to ensure that each surface water transmission system

9 in the State is functioning properly and being operated in an

10 efficient and effective manner.

11   Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the

12 commission on water resource management to conduct an audit of

13 the integrity and operation of each surface water transmission

14 system in the State.

15   SECTION 2. (a) The commission on water resource

16 management shall conduct an audit accounting for all of the

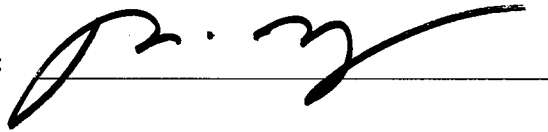17 water in each surface water transmission system in the State,

1 except those used by kalo farmers, to determine the integrity of

2 each system and whether each system is being properly operated.

3   (b) The commission on water resource management shall

4 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including

5 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than

6 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of

7 2024.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:
Commission on Water Resource Management; Water Audit

Description:
Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to conduct an audit of the State's surface water transmission systems.

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