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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST BANA PACIFIC INC.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State faces  
2 critical challenges in energy security, waste management, and  
3 climate change mitigation. As the most isolated population  
4 center in the world, the State is highly dependent on imported  
5 fossil fuels, which makes its energy system vulnerable to supply  
6 chain disruptions and price volatility. Additionally, the State  
7 generates significant amounts of organic waste, much of which is  
8 directed to landfills, contributing to methane emissions and  
9 reducing landfill capacity.

10           The legislature further finds that the proposed project by  
11 Bana Pacific Inc., a Hawaii corporation, to construct and  
12 operate a biogas production facility addresses these pressing  
13 challenges. Specifically, the proposed facility will:

14           (1) Convert locally sourced biomass, agricultural  
15           byproducts, and organic waste into biogas and  
16           renewable natural gas;



- 1 (2) Incorporate advanced technologies to produce green  
2 hydrogen using renewable energy sources; and
- 3 (3) Provide a sustainable and renewable source of energy  
4 for power generation, transportation, and industrial  
5 applications.

6 The legislature recognizes that the project will not only  
7 reduce the State's dependence on imported fossil fuels but also  
8 advance its climate and sustainability goals, including the  
9 reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the transition to one  
10 hundred per cent renewable energy by 2045.

11 Furthermore, the legislature acknowledges the wide-ranging  
12 benefits of the project. For energy and fuel security, the  
13 proposed biogas production facility will produce reliable and  
14 renewable energy sources, reducing the State's vulnerability to  
15 global energy markets. By diverting organic waste from  
16 landfills and producing renewable fuels, the project will  
17 substantially reduce methane emissions and the State's overall  
18 carbon footprint. The project supports waste mitigation by  
19 providing an environmentally responsible solution to manage  
20 organic waste and residual biomass, alleviating pressure on the  
21 State's limited landfill capacity. By converting agricultural



1 byproducts into valuable energy resources, the facility will  
2 support local farmers and fosters sustainable agricultural  
3 practices. In addition, the use of underutilized lands for  
4 biomass collection will reduce wildfire risks while improving  
5 land management practices. Finally, the construction and  
6 operation of the facility will create significant job  
7 opportunities, stimulate local economic growth, and generate tax  
8 revenue for the State.

9       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the  
10 issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Bana  
11 Pacific Inc. in the construction of a biogas production facility  
12 that will convert local biomass and organic material into  
13 biogas, a clean, renewable source of fuel for power generation.

14       SECTION 2. The legislature finds and declares that the  
15 issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in  
16 the public interest and for the public health, safety, and  
17 general welfare.

18       SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Act 182,  
19 Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, as amended by Act 262, Session Laws  
20 of Hawaii 2023, the legislature authorizes the issuance of  
21 special purpose revenue bonds to assist Bana Pacific Inc. in



1 building facilities pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii  
2 Revised Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose  
3 revenue bonds to assist industrial enterprises that require the  
4 allocation of the annual state ceiling under section 39B-2,  
5 Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the period July 1, 2025, through  
6 December 31, 2028.

7 SECTION 4. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised  
8 Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the  
9 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose  
10 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$180,000,000, in  
11 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Bana  
12 Pacific Inc., a Hawaii corporation, in the construction of a  
13 biogas production facility that will convert local biomass and  
14 organic material into biogas, a clean, renewable source of fuel  
15 for power generation. The legislature hereby finds and  
16 determines that the construction of a biogas production facility  
17 to convert local biomass and organic material into biogas  
18 constitutes a project as defined in part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii  
19 Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof constitutes  
20 assistance to an industrial enterprise.



1 SECTION 5. The special purpose revenue bonds and the  
2 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act  
3 shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised  
4 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue  
5 bonds to assist industrial enterprises.

6 SECTION 6. The department of budget and finance is  
7 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to  
8 June 30, 2030, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in  
9 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be  
10 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized  
11 in section 4 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds  
12 authorized in this section, regardless of whether the  
13 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special  
14 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of  
15 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue  
16 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in  
17 section 4. In making this determination, the department of  
18 budget and finance shall comply with federal law relating to the  
19 exemption from federal income taxation of the interest on bonds  
20 of the nature authorized by this section.



1 SECTION 7. The authorization to issue special purpose  
2 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2030.

3 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



**Report Title:**

SPRB; Bana Pacific Inc.; Biogas Production Facility

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Bana Pacific Inc. in constructing a biogas production facility. (SD1)

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