
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a reliable
2 irrigation system is the lifeline of Hawaii's agricultural
3 industry. To ensure that Hawaii's crops receive a steady and
4 dependable supply of water, sufficient funding is needed to
5 maintain and improve Hawaii's irrigation systems. Increasing
6 weather tendencies of extended drought events highlight the need
7 for timely repair and maintenance of these systems.

8 The purpose of this Act is to:

9 (1) Authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and
10 appropriate funds for capital improvement projects for
11 the State's irrigation systems; and

12 (2) Convert the means of financing for certain irrigation
13 positions in the department of agriculture from the
14 irrigation system revolving fund to the general fund.

15 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
16 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof



1 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2025-2026
2 for the purpose of capital improvement projects for irrigation
3 systems in the State; provided that the funds shall be allocated
4 as follows:

- 5 (1) \$ for Waimea irrigation system improvements
6 on Hawaii island;
- 7 (2) \$ for Waiahole irrigation system
8 improvements on the island of Oahu;
- 9 (3) \$ for Molokai irrigation system
10 improvements;
- 11 (4) \$ for east Maui irrigation system
12 improvements;
- 13 (5) \$ for Kohala ditch system improvements on
14 Hawaii island;
- 15 (6) \$ for upcountry Maui irrigation system
16 improvements;
- 17 (7) \$ for east Kauai irrigation system
18 improvements;
- 19 (8) \$ for Kokee irrigation system improvements
20 on the island of Kauai;



- 1 (9) \$ for Kekaha irrigation system improvements
2 on the island of Kauai;
3 (10) \$ for Wahiawa irrigation system improvements
4 on the island of Oahu; and
5 (11) \$ for agricultural infrastructure
6 improvements statewide.

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

9 SECTION 3. The means of financing for the following
10 positions within the department of agriculture shall be
11 converted from the irrigation system revolving fund established
12 pursuant to section 167-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the
13 general fund:

- 14 (1) Account clerk III (position number 9874);
15 (2) Irrigation systems services worker I (position number
16 9877);
17 (3) Irrigation systems services worker I (position number
18 12995);
19 (4) Irrigation systems services worker I (position number
20 14857);



(5) Irrigation systems services worker II (position number 18401);

(6) Office assistant III (position number 47967);

(7) Engineer IV (position number 47978);

(8) Irrigation systems services worker I (position number 110416); and

(9) Irrigation systems services worker II (position number 117895).

SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as of that date.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



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Description:

Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to finance capital improvement projects for irrigation systems in the State. Converts the means of financing from the Irrigation System Revolving Fund to the general fund for certain positions in the Department of Agriculture. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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