

JAN 17 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KOHALA DITCH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§163D- Kohala ditch program. (a) The corporation
5 shall be responsible for the routine maintenance and repair of
6 the Kohala ditch.

7 (b) The corporation shall develop and implement a
8 comprehensive plan for the routine maintenance of the Kohala
9 ditch, which shall:

10 (1) Include a schedule for regular inspections, necessary
11 repairs, and upgrades to follow best practices and
12 standards for safety and efficiency; and

13 (2) Be developed in collaboration with the surrounding
14 community and relevant agencies and stakeholders,
15 including farmers, ranchers, business, and other users
16 of the Kohala ditch.



1 (c) The corporation shall submit a report of its findings
2 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
4 each regular session; provided that the report shall:

5 (1) Detail any maintenance and repairs to the Kohala
6 ditch, including any related expenditures;

7 (2) Include an assessment of the current condition of the
8 Kohala ditch;

9 (3) Include a summary of completed maintenance activities;
10 and

11 (4) Make recommendations for any further improvements."

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,000,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2026-2027 for the construction, repairs, and maintenance of the
17 Kohala ditch.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness
19 development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

ADC; Kohala Ditch; Maintenance; Reports; Appropriations

Description:

Makes the Agribusiness Development Corporation responsible for the maintenance of the Kohala Ditch. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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