

JAN 17 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that reliable agricultural infrastructure that supports the State's land and water resources is the lifeline of Hawaii's agriculture industry. Increasing drought events, rain bombs, wildfires, and other crises have highlighted the need for the timely repair and maintenance of the State's agricultural infrastructure. Sufficient funding is necessary to maintain and improve the State's irrigation systems to ensure that Hawaii's crops receive a steady and dependable supply of water. Additionally, funding to develop the infrastructure of agricultural lands would provide not only access and other support for local producers to become financially viable, but also new and innovative opportunities to grow the agriculture industry in the State.

Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for capital improvement projects for the agricultural infrastructure of the State.



SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$342,070,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the purpose of financing capital improvement projects as follows:

1. To be expended by the department of agriculture:

A. Agricultural Infrastructure, Statewide

Design and construction for improvements to the agricultural infrastructure of the State

Total funding	\$2,200,000
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B. Honalo Marshalling Yard, Hawaii

Design and construction for improvements to Honalo Marshalling Yard

Total funding	\$2,500,000
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C. Kahuku Agricultural Park, Oahu

Design and construction for miscellaneous improvements to Kahuku Agricultural Park



1	Total funding	\$3,500,000
2	D. Lower Hamakua Irrigation Ditch, Hawaii	
3	Design and construction for	
4	improvements to Lower Hamakua	
5	Irrigation Ditch	
6	Total funding	\$4,500,000
7	E. Molokai Irrigation System, Molokai	
8	Design and construction for	
9	improvements to Molokai Irrigation	
10	System	
11	Total funding	\$2,000,000
12	F. Non-agricultural and Agricultural Park Lands,	
13	Statewide	
14	Design and construction for	
15	improvements to non-agricultural	
16	and agricultural park lands	
17	Total funding	\$2,000,000
18	G. Royal Kunia Agricultural Park, Oahu	
19	Design and construction for	
20	improvements to Royal Kunia	
21	Agricultural Park	



1		Total funding	\$25,000,000
2	H.	State Irrigation Systems, Statewide	
3		Design and construction for	
4		reservoir safety improvements to	
5		state irrigation systems	
6		Total funding	\$23,000,000
7	I.	Waimanalo Irrigation System, Oahu	
8		Design and construction for	
9		improvements to Waimanalo	
10		Irrigation System	
11		Total funding	\$2,500,000
12	J.	Waimea Irrigation System, Oahu	
13		Design and construction for	
14		improvements to Waimea Irrigation	
15		System	
16		Total funding	\$4,500,000
17	2.	To be expended by the agribusiness development corporation:	
18	A.	Galbraith Agricultural Lands, Oahu	
19		Design and construction for	
20		improvements to Galbraith	
21		agricultural lands	



1	Total funding	\$500,000
2	B. Kekaha Bridge, Kauai	
3	Design and construction for	
4	improvements to Kekaha Bridge	
5	Total funding	\$2,500,000
6	C. Kekaha Irrigation System, Kauai	
7	Design and construction for	
8	improvements to Kekaha Irrigation	
9	System	
10	Total funding	\$6,470,000
11	D. Lihue Agricultural Lands, Kauai	
12	Design and construction for	
13	improvements to agricultural lands	
14	in Lihue	
15	Total funding	\$64,000,000
16	E. Slaughterhouse Facility, Oahu	
17	Design and construction for	
18	improvements to a slaughterhouse	
19	facility on Oahu	
20	Total funding	\$4,000,000
21	F. Wahiawa Reclaimed Water Irrigation System, Oahu	



1	Design and construction for	
2	improvements to Wahiawa Reclaimed	
3	Water Irrigation System	
4	Total funding	\$178,000,000
5	G. Waialua Agricultural Lands, Oahu	
6	Design and construction for	
7	improvements to agricultural lands	
8	in Waialua	
9	Total funding	\$9,100,000
10	H. Waimea Agricultural Lands, Kauai	
11	Design and construction for	
12	improvements to agricultural lands	
13	in Waimea	
14	Total funding	\$1,300,000
15	I. Water and Irrigation Infrastructure, Oahu	
16	Design and construction for	
17	improvements to the state water	
18	and irrigation infrastructure on	
19	Oahu	
20	Total funding	\$4,500,000



1 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
2 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
3 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
4 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
5 unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as of that date.

6 PART II

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,500,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2026-2027 for the establishment, operation, and administration
12 of a food and product innovation network.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness
14 development corporation for the purposes of this part.


15 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,411,426 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
19 2026-2027 for the retirement of outstanding debt on the Waiahole
20 water system.



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

3 PART III

4 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

5 INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 690

Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; CIP; Agricultural Infrastructure; GO Bonds; Food and Product Innovation Network; Waiahole Water System; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects per the agricultural infrastructure of the State, a food and product innovation network, and outstanding debt on the Waiahole water system.

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