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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NORTH KOHALA KYNNEERSLY EAST SITE LAND PARCEL.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a robust  
2       agricultural sector is integral to the State's long-term  
3       economic stability, food security, and environmental stability.  
4       A strong agricultural sector is essential for reducing the  
5       State's reliance on imported goods, preserving its cultural  
6       heritage, and providing local employment opportunities. The  
7       north Kohala district of Hawaii island, with its unique climate,  
8       fertile soils, and abundant natural resources presents an  
9       invaluable opportunity for strategic investment in the State's  
10      agricultural sector. While the agricultural legacy of north  
11      Kohala continues to thrive with a greater emphasis on  
12      sustainable farming practices, important parcels of land for  
13      agricultural production and processing in the region have  
14      remained defunct for extended periods as the agricultural sector  
15      has contracted due to shifts in markets and key funding  
16      mechanisms.



1       The legislature further finds that farmers local to the  
2   region and agricultural organizations are committed to  
3   preserving north Kohala's unique heritage, while embracing  
4   innovative practices to ensure the long-term viability of  
5   farming in the area. Efforts to improve water conservation,  
6   restore native ecosystems, and protect the region's agricultural  
7   land are central to the community's ongoing resilience.  
8   Investment in this region can enhance the State's agricultural  
9   production capacity; support small, family-run and -owned farms;  
10   and contribute to the revitalization of a rural and historically  
11   underserved area. Investment in agricultural land in north  
12   Kohala offers significant potential for the development of  
13   sustainable agricultural practices, creation of job  
14   opportunities, and increased food self-sufficiency. Such  
15   investments in this region, and regions that are similar in  
16   composition and rural location, align with the State's broader  
17   goals of promoting environmental stewardship and ensuring the  
18   long-term viability of its agricultural sector.

19       The legislature also finds that the agricultural  
20   development corporation is uniquely positioned to oversee the  
21   purchase, management, and responsible development of



1 agricultural lands in this region. The agricultural development  
2 corporation's expertise will ensure that these strategic  
3 investments are maximized for the benefit of the State's  
4 agricultural sector and rural communities, and will foster  
5 resilience and sustainability for generations to come.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the  
7 issuance of general obligation bonds to the agricultural  
8 development corporation to complete the purchase of the fee  
9 simple interest in the north Kohala Kynnersly east site land  
10 parcel which comprises the following tax map keys: (3) 5-3-4:19,  
11 (3) 5-4-11:18, and (3) 5-4-11:48.

12 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
13 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$2,600,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
15 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2025-2026  
16 for the purpose of financing the purchase of parcels of land for  
17 agricultural development identified as the following tax map  
18 keys: (3) 5-3-4:19, (3) 5-4-11:18, and (3) 5-4-11:48.

19 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated in section 2 of this Act  
20 shall be expended by the agricultural development corporation  
21 for the purposes of this Act.



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1       SECTION 4. 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       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Agricultural Development Corporation for the purchase of the North Kohala Kynnersly East Site Land Parcel for agricultural development.

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