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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that irrigation systems  
2 are vital to the State's economy as they support agricultural  
3 production, enable related economic activities, and support  
4 recreational activities in many areas of the State. The  
5 legislature further finds that stewardship of the State's  
6 natural resources is imperative, and the loss of biodiversity in  
7 the State simultaneously threatens the State's economic  
8 stability and environmental vitality. The legislature also  
9 finds that the economic cost of environmental protection  
10 inaction will far exceed the cost of proactive investment in  
11 freshwater resource mitigation and adaptation strategies.

12 The legislature additionally finds that the department of  
13 taxation has projected an increase in general funds to be  
14 designated for climate conservation and environmental  
15 stewardship initiatives and developments. Investing in projects  
16 specifically designed for freshwater water resource conservation  
17 is vital to the stability of the State. The legislature



1 believes that meaningful steps must be taken to strengthen the  
2 State's environmental resilience and community prosperity;  
3 therefore, the State must invest in environmental developments  
4 that prioritize sustainable land use practices.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
6 department of agriculture and biosecurity, department of land  
7 and natural resources, and agribusiness development corporation  
8 to acquire, repair, and maintain irrigation systems in the State  
9 to preserve the systems for public access and the agriculture  
10 industry.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to  
14 the department of agriculture and biosecurity to acquire,  
15 maintain, and repair irrigation systems in the State.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
17 agriculture and biosecurity for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to



1 the department of land and natural resources to acquire,  
2 maintain, and repair irrigation systems in the State.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to  
8 the agribusiness development corporation to acquire, maintain,  
9 and repair irrigation systems in the State.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness  
11 development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

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



**Report Title:**

DAB; DLNR; ADC; Irrigation Systems; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire, repair, and maintain irrigation systems in the State. Effective 7/1/3000.  
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