

**ACT 100**

H.B. NO. 1581

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for Agricultural Resource Management.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 218, Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, as amended by Act 287, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, appropriated certain designated sums from the agricultural park special fund and the irrigation system revolving fund for agricultural resource management (AGR 141) for the fiscal year 1996-1997.

A critical funding emergency exists. During the heavy rains and flooding of November 1996, the Waianae Agricultural Park sustained damage to its roadways and drainage systems, and the Waimanalo Irrigation System sustained damage to sections of its Maunawili Ditch requiring cleanup and repairs. Further, additional expenses will be incurred to operate and maintain the newly opened Kekaha Agricultural Park Irrigation System. The expenditures for the cleanup and repairs due to the flooding and the operation and maintenance of the irrigation system at the Kekaha Agricultural Park will exceed the sums appropriated under Act 218, Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, as amended by Act 287, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, for agricultural resource management (AGR 141).

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate additional special and revolving funds in order to select and engage consultants to develop appropriate plans and specifications to facilitate the necessary cleanup and repair work at the Waianae Agricultural Park and the Waimanalo Irrigation System and to cover additional operation and maintenance expenses at the Kekaha Agricultural Park Irrigation System.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the agricultural park special fund the sum of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 1996-1997, to select and engage consultants to develop plans and specifications for the cleaning and repairing of the Waianae Agricultural Park damaged by the November 1996 heavy rains and flooding.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the irrigation system revolving fund the sum of \$41,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 1996-97, to select and engage consultants to develop plans and specifications for the cleaning and repairing of the Waimanalo Irrigation System damaged by the November 1996 heavy rains and flooding and to cover operation and maintenance expenses for the Kekaha Agricultural Park Irrigation System.

SECTION 5. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 7, 1997.)