**ACT 174** 

S.B. NO. 2217

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that reliable irrigation systems are the lifelines of Hawaii's agricultural community. To ensure that Hawaii's agricultural crops receive a steady and dependable supply of water, irrigation systems need to be repaired, properly maintained, and improved to meet agricultural water requirements and to address extended water droughts.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the operation, repair, maintenance, and improvement of the East Kauai irrigation system by the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for operation, repair, maintenance, and improvement costs for the East Kauai irrigation system by the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016. (Approved June 30, 2016.)