
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Waimanalo
2 wastewater treatment plant is currently operated by the city and
3 county of Honolulu. However, the State retains ownership and
4 therefore is responsible for the funds to maintain the facility.
5 The city and county of Honolulu will not take over maintenance
6 of the facility until the State makes the necessary repairs and
7 upgrades. Operation and maintenance inspection reports dated
8 April 30, 2001, and April 10, 2002, indicate that although the
9 plant is being properly maintained, the plant itself is not in
10 compliance with rules and is subject to citations for non-
11 compliance.

12 The legislature also finds that there have been back-flow
13 problems with the injection wells due to the inadequate size of
14 piping leading into the facility. Effluent collected during
15 inspections has been cloudy and did not settle well in the final
16 clarifier. This indicates that the facility is not adequately
17 processing sewage due to the volume the plant receives. This is



1 a public health problem and there have been spills of sewage
2 within the facility as well as back-ups along the sewage lines.

3 The legislature further finds that in addition to the
4 serious public health issues, there are development issues as
5 well. Currently, the plant is running between seventy-one and
6 eighty-two per cent of its capacity. Because the facility is
7 running at near capacity, there cannot be any additional sewer
8 line hook-ups to the plant. This means there cannot be any new
9 developments within the Waimanalo area, a situation that
10 seriously harms the economics of the area. There can be no
11 growth--no new residential homes or business developments.
12 Waimanalo can be a wonderful residential area for new families
13 and homeowners, but development of new residential areas is
14 impossible without the necessary repairs and upgrades to the
15 Waimanalo wastewater treatment plant.

16 The seriousness of this situation cannot be over-
17 emphasized. With documented deficiencies, the State has been
18 put on notice that there are serious problems with the condition
19 of the Waimanalo wastewater treatment plant. These repairs and
20 upgrades have been long overdue. Time is critical and public
21 health is at stake.

22 The purpose of this Act is to:



- 1 (1) Authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for
2 repairs and improvements to the Waimanalo wastewater
3 treatment plant to render the plant in compliance with
4 rules and bring its operations to full capacity;
- 5 (2) Enable additional development in the Waimanalo area;
6 and
- 7 (3) Enable the transfer of maintenance of the plant to the
8 city and county of Honolulu.

9 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
10 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$10,000,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum or so much thereof
12 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2006-2007
13 for plans, design, and construction for repairs and improvements
14 to the Waimanalo wastewater treatment plant on Oahu.

15 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
16 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
17 the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made;
18 provided that all moneys from the appropriation unencumbered as
19 of June 30, 2008, shall lapse as of that date.

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



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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HB 1952

Report Title:

General Obligation Bonds; Waimanalo Wastewater Treatment Plant

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of \$10,000,000 in general obligation bonds for repairs and improvements to the Waimanalo wastewater treatment plant to, among other things, render the plant in compliance with rules and to enable additional development in the Waimanalo area.

