
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 maintaining the facility, and the
5 city and county of Honolulu will not take over maintenance of
6 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 processing
17 sewage adequately due to the volume the plant receives. This is
18 a public health problem. Already, there have been spills of



1 sewage within the facility as well as back-ups along the sewage
2 lines.

3 The legislature further finds that in addition to the
4 serious public health issues, there are development issues.
5 Currently, the plant is running between seventy-one and eighty-
6 two per cent of its capacity. Because the facility is running
7 at near capacity, there cannot be any additional sewer line
8 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 could 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. The documented deficiencies have put the State on
18 notice that there are serious problems with the condition of the
19 Waimanalo wastewater treatment plant. Repairs and upgrades to
20 the plant are long overdue. Bringing the plant into compliance
21 with the rules and increasing operation to full capacity would
22 enable additional development in the Waimanalo area and the



1 transfer of maintenance of the plant to the city and county of
2 Honolulu. Time is critical and the public health is at stake.

3 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
4 general obligation bonds for repairs and improvements to the
5 Waimanalo wastewater treatment plant to render the plant in
6 compliance with rules and bring its operations to full capacity.

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

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

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

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

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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. (HB1952 HD1)

