
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WATER RESOURCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that agriculture is a
2 vital component of Hawaii's economy. It provides Hawaii with a
3 stage for tourism, export products, a diversity of employment
4 opportunities, a lifestyle for its residents, and stewardship
5 for its lands and water.

6 Therefore, the legislature finds that it is critical for
7 the State to determine prioritization criteria for the
8 maintenance of natural agricultural water systems to ensure the
9 availability of economical water resources for Hawaii's
10 agriculture.

11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate the necessary
12 funds for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the development of criteria
13 for the prioritization of maintaining natural watercourses for
14 agricultural use.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to study
18 important natural water resources used for agricultural



1 purposes, including discussing and recommending policies on what
2 priority should be given to maintain natural irrigation water
3 delivery systems for agricultural projects.

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

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Water Resources for Agriculture

Description:

Appropriates \$300,000 to study important agriculture water resources and identify what priorities should be given to maintain natural watercourses for agricultural use.

