
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

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

1 SECTION 1. A reliable irrigation system is the lifeblood
2 of Hawaii's agricultural industry. To ensure that Hawaii's
3 crops receive a steady and dependable supply of water,
4 sufficient funding is needed to maintain and improve Hawaii's
5 irrigation systems.

6 The legislature finds that a potential crisis is developing
7 at the east Kauai irrigation system. In 2001, Amfac Sugar
8 Company announced that it was ceasing operation of its ditch
9 system, composed of twenty-two miles of ditches and three
10 reservoirs, which had irrigated four thousand acres of land in
11 the Kapaa area (east Kauai irrigation system). Subsequently,
12 the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative (Cooperative) received a
13 revocable permit from the State to operate the east Kauai
14 irrigation system and took over operations in March of 2002.

15 The legislature finds that the Cooperative faces a serious
16 funding shortfall. Income from users is insufficient to pay for
17 the day-to-day operation and maintenance expenses of the east
18 Kauai irrigation system.



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1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate \$50,000 for
 2 fiscal year 2006-2007 and \$50,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008 for
 3 the operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation
 4 system to facilitate the development of diversified agriculture
 5 on the affected lands in Kapaa, Kauai.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much
 8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 and the
 9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 10 2007-2008 to be paid into the Hawaii agricultural development
 11 revolving fund created in section 163D-17, Hawaii Revised
 12 Statutes, and expended for the operation and maintenance of the
 13 east Kauai irrigation system.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness
 15 development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

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

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Report Title:

East Kauai Irrigation System

Description:

Appropriates funds for the east Kauai irrigation system.

