
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND THE AGRIBUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO SEEK FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR
THE IRRIGATION REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL FUND.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature is in the process of establishing
2 the Irrigation Repair and Maintenance Special Fund to be
3 administered by the Board of Agriculture, in conjunction with
4 the Agribusiness Development Corporation; and

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6 WHEREAS, one of the primary functions of the Board of
7 Agriculture is to oversee the development and maintenance of
8 irrigation systems for agricultural purposes; and

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10 WHEREAS, one of the primary purposes of the Agribusiness
11 Development Corporation is to facilitate the transition of
12 agricultural infrastructure from plantation operations into
13 other agricultural enterprises; and

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15 WHEREAS, many of the irrigation systems formerly used and
16 maintained by the sugarcane and pineapple plantations have
17 fallen into disrepair for lack of proper maintenance; and

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19 WHEREAS, the purpose of the special fund is to provide for
20 the repair and maintenance of private and public irrigation
21 systems formerly used on sugarcane and pineapple plantation
22 lands that have been converted to diversified agriculture; and

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24 WHEREAS, private landowners may apply for funding
25 assistance from the special fund provided that the landowner:

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27 (1) Provides matching funds equal to the amount received
28 from the special fund;
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30 (2) Agrees to file for designation of the lands within two
31 miles of the water produced by the irrigation system



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1 as important agricultural lands pursuant to chapter
2 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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4 (3) Agrees to use all lands serviced by the irrigation
5 system for the production of diversified agriculture;
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8 WHEREAS, the Legislature is in the process of appropriating
9 general funds and authorizing the Director of Finance to issue
10 general obligation bonds to fund the Irrigation Repair and
11 Maintenance Special Fund; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Agriculture
16 and the Agribusiness Development Corporation are requested to
17 aggressively seek federal matching funds for funds that the
18 State will deposit into the Irrigation Repair and Maintenance
19 Special Fund to fund the repair and maintenance of irrigation
20 systems that support diversified agriculture; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairpersons of the
24 Board of Agriculture and Board of Directors of the Agribusiness
25 Development Corporation and to each member of Hawaii's
26 congressional delegation.
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