
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 (Special
3 Fund) to be administered by the Board of Agriculture (BOA), in
4 conjunction with the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC);
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7 WHEREAS, one of the primary functions of BOA is to oversee
8 the development and maintenance of irrigation systems for
9 agricultural purposes; and

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

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15 WHEREAS, many of the irrigation systems used and maintained
16 for agricultural production have fallen into disrepair for lack
17 of proper maintenance; and

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19 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Special Fund is to provide for
20 repair and maintenance of private and public irrigation systems
21 used for agricultural production; and

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23 WHEREAS, private landowners may apply for funding
24 assistance from the Special Fund, provided that the landowner:

25 (1) Provides matching funds equal to the amount received
26 from the Special Fund;

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29 (2) Agrees to file for designation of the majority of all
30 lands served by the water produced by the irrigation
31 system as important agricultural lands pursuant to
32 Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and



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2 (3) Agrees to use the majority of all lands serviced by
3 the irrigation system for agricultural production;

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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature is in the process of appropriating
8 general funds and authorizing the Director of Finance to issue
9 general obligation bonds to fund the Special Fund; now,
10 therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the BOA and ADC are
15 requested to aggressively seek federal matching funds for funds
16 that the State will deposit into the Special Fund to repair and
17 maintain irrigation systems that support agricultural
18 production; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
22 Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of
23 the Agribusiness Development Corporation, and to each member of
24 Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

