A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and 3 to read as follows: 4 "PART . ASSISTING AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES OPERATING ON 5 AGRICULTURAL LANDS 6 §39A-A Definitions. Whenever used in this part, unless a 7 different meaning clearly appears from the context: 8 "Department" means the department of budget and finance. 9 "Project" means any combination of land, buildings, and other improvements thereon, including without limitation 10 irrigation systems and infrastructure, for use of, or for, or to 11 12 assist an agricultural enterprise operating on agricultural 13 lands, including without limiting the generality of the 14 foregoing, machinery, equipment, furnishings, and apparatus that 15 are deemed necessary, suitable, or useful to the enterprise. "Project agreement" means any agreement entered into under 16 17 this part by the department with a project party to finance, 18 construct, operate, or maintain a project from the proceeds of



special purpose revenue bonds, or to lend the proceeds of
 special purpose revenue bonds to assist an agricultural
 enterprise operating on agricultural lands, including without
 limitation any loan agreement.

5 "Project party" means a person, firm, or corporation 6 qualified to do business in this state and conducting or 7 proposing to conduct an agricultural enterprise operating on 8 agricultural lands.

9 "Special purpose revenue bonds" or "bonds" means bonds, 10 notes, or other evidences of indebtedness of the State issued 11 pursuant to this part.

12 §39A-B Department powers as to agricultural enterprises 13 operating on agricultural lands. In addition to powers that it 14 may now have, the department shall have all powers necessary or 15 convenient to accomplish the purposes of this part. The powers 16 of the department include but are not limited to the following: 17 Notwithstanding and without compliance with section (1) 18 103-7, but with the approval of the governor, to: 19 Enter into and carry out a project agreement, or (A) 20 an amendment or supplement to an existing project 21 agreement, with a project party; and

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1		(B) Enter into and carry out any agreement whereby
2		the obligation of a project party under a project
3		agreement will be unconditionally guaranteed by a
4		person other than a project party;
5	(2)	To issue special purpose revenue bonds pursuant to and
6		in accordance with this part;
7	(3)	To lend the proceeds of the special purpose revenue
8		bonds issued for a project to the project party for
9		use and application by the project party for the
10		acquisition, purchase, construction, reconstruction,
11		improvement, betterment, extension, maintenance of a
12		project, or refinancing of outstanding obligations;
13	(4)	As security for the payment of the principal, premium,
14		if any, and interest of the special purpose revenue
15		bonds issued for a project, to:
16		(A) Pledge, assign, hypothecate, or otherwise
17		encumber all or any part of the revenues and
18		receipts derived or to be derived by the
19		department under the project agreement for the
20		project for which the bonds are issued;
21		(B) Pledge and assign the interest and rights of the
22		department under the project agreement or other

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1			agreement with respect to the project or the
2			special purpose revenue bonds;
3		(C)	Pledge and assign any bond, debenture, note, or
4			other evidence of indebtedness received by the
5			department with respect to the project; or
6		(D)	Any combination of the foregoing;
7	(5)	То е	xtend or renew any project agreement or any other
8		agre	ement related thereto; provided that any renewal
9		or e	xtension shall be subject to the approval of the
10		gove	rnor unless made in accordance with provisions for
11		the	extension or renewal contained in a project
12		agre	ement or related agreement previously approved by
13		the	governor; and
14	(6)	To d	o any and all things necessary or convenient to
15		carr	y out its purposes and exercise the powers given
16		and	granted in this part.
17	When	the	department finances or refinances a project by the
18	issuance o	of sp	ecial purpose revenue bonds as contemplated by
19	this part	, the	State shall not exercise the power of eminent
20	domain to	acqu	ire a project or any part thereof for lease or
21	transfer	to a	project party, nor shall the State operate a
22	project o	n beh	alf of a project party.

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1	§39A-C Compliance with state and local law. The issuance
2	of special purpose revenue bonds with respect to any project
3	under this part shall not relieve any project party or other
4	user of the project from the laws, ordinances, and rules of the
5	State or any political subdivision thereof, or any departments
6	or boards thereof with respect to:
7	(1) The construction, operation, and maintenance of
8	projects;
9	(2) Compliance with zoning laws or regulations;
10	(3) Obtaining of building permits; and
11	(4) Compliance with building and health codes and other
12	laws, ordinances, or rules and regulations of similar
13	nature pertaining to the project.
14	These laws shall be applicable to the party or any other user to
15	the same extent they would be if the costs of the project were
16	lirectly financed by the project party.
17	§39A-D Conditions precedent to negotiating and entering
18	nto a project agreement. Prior to entering into negotiations
19	with respect to a project agreement or at any time during the
20	negotiations, the department shall require that as a condition
21	to the negotiations or the continuation thereof, the State shall
22	be reimbursed for any and all costs and expenses incurred by it

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even though a project agreement may not be entered into and may further require the deposit of moneys with the department as security for the reimbursement. Any amount of the deposit in excess of the amount required to reimburse the State shall be returned by the department to the party that has made the deposit. The State shall not be required to pay to the project party any interest or earnings on such deposit.

8 The department shall not enter into any project agreement 9 with respect to any project unless the legislature shall have 10 first authorized the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds 11 to finance the project pursuant to section 39A-G and the 12 department has thereafter found and determined either that the project party is a responsible party, whether by reason of 13 14 economic assets or experience in the type of enterprise to be 15 undertaken through the project, or otherwise, or that the 16 obligations of the project party under the project agreement 17 will be unconditionally guaranteed by a person who is a 18 responsible party, whether by reason of economic assets or 19 experience in the type of enterprise to be undertaken through 20 the project, or otherwise.

21 §39A-E Project agreement. No special purpose revenue
22 bonds shall be issued unless at the time of issuance the

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1	department shall have entered into a project agreement with
2	respect to the project for the financing of which the special
3	purpose revenue bonds are to be issued. Any project agreement
4	entered into by the department shall contain provisions
5	unconditionally obligating the project party:
6	(1) To pay to the department during the period or term of
7	the project agreement, exclusive of any renewal or
8	extension thereof and whether or not the project is
9	used or occupied by the project party, the sum or
10	sums, at time or times, and in amounts that will be at
11	least sufficient:
12	(A) To pay the principal and interest on all special
13	purpose revenue bonds issued with respect to the
14	project as and when the same become due,
15	including any premium payable upon any required
16	redemption of the bonds;
17	(B) To establish or maintain a reserve, if any, that
18	may be required by the instrument authorizing or
19	securing the special purpose revenue bonds;
20	(C) To pay all fees and expenses, including the fees
21	and expenses of the paying agents and trustees,

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1			incurred in connection with the special purpose
2			revenue bonds; and
3	([)	To pay the expenses, direct or indirect, incurred
4			by the State, as determined by the department, in
5			administering the bonds or in carrying out the
6			project agreement;
7	ar	nd	
8	(2) Tc	o op	erate, maintain, and repair the project as long
9	as	s th	e same is used, as provided in the project
10	ag	gree	ment, and to pay all costs of the operation,
11	ma	aint	enance, and repair.
12	Moneys	rec	eived by the department pursuant to paragraph
13	(1)(D) shall	l no	t be, or be deemed to be, revenues of the project
14	and shall be	e pa	id into the general fund of the State.
15	§39A-F	Is	suance of special purpose revenue bonds to
16	finance proj	ject	${f s}$. In addition to the other powers that it may
17	otherwise ha	ave,	the department may issue special purpose revenue
18	bonds to fir	nanc	e, in whole or in part, the costs of facilities
19	of, or for,	or	to loan the proceeds of the bonds to assist
20	project part	cies	. All revenue bonds issued under this part are
21	special purp	pose	revenue bonds and the provisions of part III of
22	chapter 39 s	shal	l not apply thereto. All special purpose revenue

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1	bonds sha	ll be issued in the name of the department and not in		
2	the name of the State.			
3	In determining the cost of any project, the department may			
4	also incl	ude the following:		
5	(1)	Financing charges, fees, and expenses of any trustee		
6		and paying agents for special purpose revenue bonds		
7		issued to pay the cost of the project;		
8	(2)	Interest on the bonds and the expenses of the State in		
9		connection with the bonds and the project to be		
10		financed from the proceeds of the bonds accruing or		
11		incurred prior to and during the estimated period of		
12		construction and for the period not exceeding twelve		
13		months thereafter;		
14	(3)	Amounts necessary to establish or increase reserves		
15		for the special purpose revenue bonds;		
16	(4)	The cost of plans, specifications, studies, surveys,		
17		and estimates of costs and of revenues;		
18	(5)	Other expenses incidental to determining the		
19		feasibility or practicability of the project;		
20	(6)	Administration expenses;		
21	(7)	Legal, accounting, consulting, and other special		
22		service fees;		

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1 Interest cost incurred by the project party with (8) 2 respect to the project prior to the issuance of the 3 special purpose revenue bonds; and Other costs, commissions, and expenses incidental to 4 (9) the construction, acquisition, reconstruction, 5 6 renovation, rehabilitation, improvement, betterment, 7 operation, maintenance, or extension of the project, 8 the financing, placing of same in operation, and the 9 issuance of the special purpose revenue bonds, whether 10 incurred prior to or after the issuance of the bonds. 11 The legislature finds and determines that the exercise of the powers vested in the department by this part constitutes 12 13 assistance to an agricultural enterprise operating on 14 agricultural lands and that the issuance of special purpose 15 revenue bonds to finance facilities of, or for, or to loan the 16 proceeds of the bonds to assist project parties is in the public 17 interest. §39A-G Authorization of special purpose revenue bonds. 18 19 (a) Special purpose revenue bonds for each project or multi-20 project program shall be authorized by a separate act of the 21 legislature, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members 22 to which each house is entitled; provided that the legislature

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1 shall find that the issuance of the bonds is in the public 2 interest; provided further that no authorization shall be made 3 for a period exceeding five years of its enactment. Any special 4 purpose revenue bond authorization, or any portion of the 5 special purpose revenue bond authorization that has not been 6 issued at the close of the fiscal year for the period for which 7 the authorization is made, shall lapse. Special purpose revenue 8 bonds issued pursuant to this part may be in one or more series 9 for each project. The special purpose revenue bonds of each 10 issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at a rate or rates, 11 shall mature at a time or times not exceeding forty years from 12 their date or dates, shall have a rank or priority and may be 13 made redeemable before maturity at the option of the department, 14 at a price or prices and under terms and conditions, all as may 15 be determined by the department. The department shall determine 16 the form of the special purpose revenue bonds, including any 17 interest coupons to be attached thereto, and the manner of 18 execution of the special purpose revenue bonds, and shall fix 19 the denomination or denominations of the special purpose revenue 20 bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and 21 interest that may be at any bank or trust company within or 22 without the state. The special purpose revenue bonds may be

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1 issued in coupon or in registered form, or both, as the 2 department may determine. Provisions may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and also 3 4 as to both principal and interest and for the reconversion into 5 coupon bonds of any bonds registered as to both principal and 6 interest. The department may sell special purpose revenue bonds 7 either at public or private sale and for a price that it may 8 determine.

9 (b) Prior to the preparation of definitive special purpose
10 revenue bonds, the department may issue interim receipts or
11 temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for
12 definitive bonds when the bonds have been executed and are
13 available for delivery.

14 (c) Should any bond issued under this part or any coupon 15 appertaining thereto become mutilated or be lost, stolen, or 16 destroyed, the department may cause a new bond or coupon of like 17 date, number, and tenor to be executed and delivered in exchange 18 and substitution for, and upon the cancellation of the mutilated 19 bond or coupon, or in lieu of and in substitution for a lost, 20 stolen, or destroyed bond or coupon. The new bond or coupon 21 shall not be executed or delivered until the holder of the 22 mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed bond or coupon has:

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1	(1)	Paid the reasonable expense and related charges;	
2	(2)	In the case of a lost, stolen, or destroyed bond or	
3		coupon, filed with the department or its fiduciary	
4		evidence satisfactory to the department or its	
5		fiduciary that the bond or coupon was lost, stolen, or	
6		destroyed and that the holder was the owner of the	
7		bond; and	
8	(3)	Furnished indemnity satisfactory to the department.	
9	(d)	The department may provide that CUSIP identification	
10	10 numbers be printed on the special purpose revenue bonds. If		
11	numbers a	re imprinted on the bonds:	
12	(1)	No CUSIP identification number shall constitute a part	
13		of the contract evidenced by the particular bond upon	
14		which it is imprinted; and	
15	(2)	No liability shall attach to the department or any of	
16		its officers or agents, including any fiscal agent,	
17		paying agent, or registrar for the bonds, by reason of	
18		the numbers or any use made thereof, including any use	
19		made by the department, any officer, or any agent, or	
20		by reason of any inaccuracy, error, or omission with	
21		respect thereto or in any use.	

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1 The department may require that all costs of obtaining and 2 imprinting the numbers shall be paid by the purchaser of the 3 bonds. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "CUSIP 4 identification numbers" means the numbering system adopted by 5 the Committee for Uniform Security Identification Procedures 6 formed by the Securities Industry Association.

7 §39A-H Special purpose revenue bond anticipation notes. 8 Whenever the department has authorized the issuance of special 9 purpose revenue bonds under this part, special purpose revenue 10 bond anticipation notes of the department may be issued in 11 anticipation of the issuance of the bonds and of the receipt of the proceeds of sale of the bonds, for the purposes for which 12 13 the bonds have been authorized. All special purpose revenue 14 bond anticipation notes shall be authorized by the department, 15 and the maximum principal amount of the notes shall not exceed 16 the authorized principal amount of the bonds. The notes shall 17 be payable solely from and secured solely by the proceeds of 18 sale of the special purpose revenue bonds in anticipation of 19 which the notes are issued and the revenues from which would be 20 payable and by which the bonds would be secured; provided that 21 to the extent that the principal of the notes shall be paid from moneys other than the proceeds of sale of the bonds, the maximum 22

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1 amount of bonds in anticipation of which the notes are issued 2 that has been authorized shall be reduced by the amount of notes paid in such manner. The authorization, issuance, and the 3 4 details of the notes shall be governed by this part with respect 5 to special purpose revenue bonds insofar as the same may be 6 applicable; provided that each note, together with all renewals 7 and extensions thereof, or refundings thereof by other notes 8 issued under this section, shall mature within five years from 9 the date of the original note.

10 §39A-I Powers with respect to and security for special 11 purpose revenue bonds. To secure the payment of any of the 12 special purpose revenue bonds issued pursuant to this part and 13 interest thereon, or in connection with the bonds, the 14 department shall have the power:

15 To pledge all or any part of the revenues derived by (1)16 the department from the project agreement to the 17 punctual payment of special purpose revenue bonds 18 issued with respect to the project financed from 19 proceeds thereof and interest thereon, and to covenant 20 against thereafter pledging any revenues or receipts 21 to any other bonds or any other obligations of the 22 department for any other purpose, except as otherwise

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1		stated in the law providing for the issuance of
2		additional special purpose revenue bonds to be equally
3		and ratably secured by a lien upon the revenues;
4	(2)	To pledge and assign the interest and right of the
5		department under the project agreement and other
6		agreements related thereto and the rights, duties, and
7		obligations of the department thereunder, including
8		the right to receive revenues thereunder;
9	(3)	To covenant as to the use and disposition of the
10		proceeds from the sale of the bonds;
11	(4)	To covenant to set aside or pay over reserves and
12		sinking funds for the bonds and as to the disposition
13		thereof;
14	(5)	To covenant and prescribe as to what happenings or
15		occurrences shall constitute "events of default" and
16		the terms and conditions upon which any or all of the
17		bonds shall become or may be declared due before
18		maturity and as to the terms and conditions upon which
19		the declaration and its consequences may be waived;
20	(6)	To covenant as to the rights, liabilities, powers, and
21		duties arising upon the breach by it of any covenant,
22		condition, or obligation;

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1 To designate a national or state bank or trust company (7) 2 within or without the state, incorporated in the United States, to serve as trustee for the holders of 3 4 the special purpose revenue bonds and to enter into a 5 trust indenture or trust agreement or indenture of 6 mortgage with the trustee. The trustee may be 7 authorized by the department to receive and receipt 8 for, hold, and administer the proceeds of the special 9 purpose revenue bonds issued for the project and to 10 apply the proceeds to the purposes for which the bonds 11 are issued, or to receive and receipt for, hold, and 12 administer the revenues derived by the department 13 under the project agreement and to apply the revenues 14 to the payment of the principal and interest on the 15 bonds, or both, and any excess revenues to the payment 16 of expenses incurred by the State in administering the 17 bonds or in carrying out the project agreement. If a trustee is appointed, any trust indenture or trust 18 19 agreement or indenture of mortgage entered into by the 20 department with the trustee may contain whatever 21 covenants and provisions as may be necessary or 22 convenient or desirable to secure the bonds. The

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1 department may pledge and assign to the trustee the 2 interest of the department under the project agreement 3 and other agreements related thereto and the rights, duties, and obligations of the department thereunder, 4 5 including the right to receive revenues thereunder. 6 The department may appoint the trustee to serve as 7 fiscal agent for the payment of the principal and 8 interest, and for the purchase, registration, 9 transfer, exchange, and redemption of the special 10 purpose revenue bonds. The department may also 11 authorize and empower the trustee to perform these functions with respect to the payment, purchase, 12 13 registration, transfer, exchange, and redemption, as 14 the department may deem necessary, advisable, or 15 expedient, including without limitation the holding of 16 the special purpose revenue bonds and coupons that 17 have been paid and the supervision of the destruction 18 thereof in accordance with law; 19 (8) To execute all instruments necessary or convenient in 20 the exercise of the powers herein granted or in the

performance of its covenants and duties; and

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(9) To make covenants and do any and all acts as may be
 necessary, convenient, or desirable to secure the
 bonds, notwithstanding that the covenants, acts, or
 items may not be enumerated herein.

5 The department shall have the power to do all things in the
6 issuance of the bonds and for their security that are consistent
7 with the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

§39A-J Security for special purpose revenue bonds.

9 Special purpose revenue bonds shall be payable solely from the 10 revenues derived by the department from payments made to the 11 department under the project agreement or other agreements 12 entered into with respect to the project and shall be secured 13 solely by the bond revenues and by the pledges and assignments 14 authorized by this part. Subject to the prior and superior 15 rights of outstanding bonds, claims, obligations, or mechanic's 16 and materialman's liens, all special purpose revenue bonds of 17 the same issue shall have a prior and paramount lien on the 18 revenues derived from the project agreement with respect to the 19 project, for which the bonds have been issued, over and ahead of 20 all special purpose revenue bonds of any issue payable from the 21 revenues that may be subsequently issued and over and ahead of any claims or obligations of any nature against the revenues 22

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1 subsequently arising or subsequently incurred; provided that the 2 department may reserve the right and privilege to subsequently issue additional series of special purpose revenue bonds, from 3 4 time to time, payable from the revenues derived from the project agreement on a parity with the special purpose revenue bonds 5 6 previously issued, and the subsequently issued series of special 7 purpose revenue bonds may be secured, without priority by reason of date of sale, date of execution, or date of delivery, by a 8 9 lien on the revenues in accordance with law, including this 10 part.

11 Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, all or part of 12 the property constituting the project and all interest of the 13 project party in the project and the revenues of the project 14 party therefrom may be subjected to the present and future lien 15 of any mortgage of the project party securing the project 16 party's bonds, and the rights of the department and any trustee 17 for the holders of the special purpose revenue bonds and the 18 holders of the special purpose revenue bonds in the project and 19 the revenues therefrom may be made subject to the prior lien of 20 the project party's mortgage.

21 §39A-K Special purpose revenue bonds not a general
22 obligation of the State. No holder or holders of any special

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1 purpose revenue bonds issued under this part shall ever have the 2 right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the State to 3 pay the bonds or the interest thereon and no moneys other than 4 the revenues pledged to the bonds shall be applied to the 5 payment thereof. Each special purpose revenue bond issued under 6 this part shall recite in substance that the bond, including 7 interest thereon, is not a general obligation of the State and 8 is payable solely from the revenues pledged to the payment 9 thereof, and that the bond is not secured, directly or 10 indirectly, by the full faith and credit or the general credit 11 of the State or by any revenues or taxes of the State other than 12 the revenues specifically pledged thereto.

13 §39A-L Validity of special purpose revenue bonds. The 14 special purpose revenue bonds bearing the signature or facsimile 15 signature of officers in office on the date of the signing 16 thereof shall be valid and sufficient for all purposes, 17 notwithstanding that before the delivery thereof and payment 18 therefor, any or all the persons whose signatures appear thereon 19 shall have ceased to be officers of the department. Special purpose revenue bonds shall contain a recital that they are 20 21 issued pursuant to this part, which recital shall be conclusive

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evidence of their validity and of the regularity of their
 issuance.

3 §39A-M Use of revenues derived from project agreement. 4 The department shall have the right to appropriate, apply, or 5 expend the revenues derived with respect to the project 6 agreement for a project for the following purposes: 7 To pay when due all special purpose revenue bonds, (1)8 premiums if any, and interest thereon, for the payment 9 of which the revenues are or have been pledged, 10 charged, or otherwise encumbered, including reserves 11 therefor; and 12 To the extent not paid by the project party to provide (2) 13 for all expenses of administration, operations, and 14 maintenance of the project, including reserves 15 therefor. 16 Unless and until adequate provision has been made for the foregoing purposes, the department shall not transfer the 17

18 revenues derived from the project agreement to the general fund 19 of the State.

20 §39A-N Special purpose revenue bonds exempt from taxation. 21 Special purpose revenue bonds and the income therefrom issued

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1 pursuant to this part shall be exempt from all state and county 2 taxation except inheritance, transfer, and estate taxes. 3 §39A-O Federal tax exempt status. To the extent 4 practicable, special purpose revenue bonds issued pursuant to 5 this part shall be issued to comply with requirements imposed by 6 applicable federal law providing that the interest on the 7 special purpose revenue bonds shall be excluded from gross 8 income for federal income tax purposes, except as certain 9 minimum taxes or environmental taxes may apply. The director of 10 finance may enter into agreements, establish funds or accounts, 11 and take any action required to comply with applicable federal 12 law. Nothing in this part shall be deemed to prohibit the 13 issuance of special purpose revenue bonds, the interest on which 14 may be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. 15 §39A-P Exemption from taxation of department property. 16 All revenues derived by the department from any project or under 17 the project agreement pertaining thereto shall be exempt from

18 all state and county taxation. Any right, title, and interest 19 of the department in any project shall also be exempt from all 20 state and county taxation.

21 Except as otherwise provided by law, the interest of the 22 project party or user of the project under the project agreement

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or related agreement shall not be exempt from taxation to a
 greater extent than it would be if the costs of the project were
 directly financed by the project party or other user.

4 §39A-Q Refunding special purpose revenue bonds. By act 5 enacted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members to 6 which each house is entitled, the legislature may authorize the 7 issuance of refunding special purpose revenue bonds for the 8 purpose of refunding any special purpose revenue bonds then 9 outstanding and issued under this part, whether or not the 10 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds have matured or are 11 then subject to redemption. By act enacted by an affirmative 12 vote of two-thirds of the members to which each house is 13 entitled, the legislature may provide for the issuance of a 14 single issue of special purpose revenue bonds for the combined 15 purposes of:

16 (1) Financing the cost of a project or improvement or17 expansion thereof; and

18 (2) Refunding special purpose revenue bonds that shall
19 theretofore have been issued under this part and shall
20 then be outstanding, whether or not the outstanding
21 special purpose revenue bonds have matured or are then
22 subject to redemption.

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1 Nothing in this section shall require or be deemed to 2 require the department to elect to redeem or prepay special 3 purpose revenue bonds being refunded, or to redeem or prepay 4 special purpose revenue bonds being refunded that were issued in 5 the form customarily known as term bonds in accordance with any 6 sinking fund installment schedule specified in any instruments 7 providing for the issuance thereof, or, if the department elects 8 to redeem or prepay any bonds, to redeem or prepay as of any 9 particular date or dates. The issuance of refunding special 10 purpose revenue bonds, the maturities and other details thereof, 11 the rights and remedies of the holders thereof, and the rights, 12 powers, privileges, duties, and obligations of the department 13 with respect to the same, shall be governed by the foregoing 14 provisions of this part insofar as the same may be applicable.

15 §39A-R Status of special purpose revenue bonds under the 16 Uniform Commercial Code. Notwithstanding any of the provisions 17 of this part or any recitals in any special purpose revenue 18 bonds issued under this part, all special purpose revenue bonds 19 shall be deemed to be investment securities under the Uniform 20 Commercial Code, chapter 490, subject only to the provisions of 21 the special purpose revenue bonds pertaining to registration.

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1 §39A-S Special purpose revenue bonds as legal investments 2 and lawful security. Special purpose revenue bonds issued pursuant to this part shall be legal and authorized investments 3 4 for banks, savings banks, trust companies, savings and loan 5 associations, insurance companies, credit unions, fiduciaries, 6 trustees, guardians, and for all public funds of the State or 7 other political corporations or subdivisions of the State. The 8 special purpose revenue bonds shall be eligible to secure the 9 deposit of any and all public funds of the State and any and all 10 public funds of counties or other political corporations or 11 subdivisions of the State, and the bonds shall be lawful and sufficient security for public fund deposits to the extent of 12 13 their value when accompanied by all unmatured coupons 14 appertaining thereto.

15 §39A-T Access to and public disclosure of financial 16 records of project party. (a) Each project party with a 17 project agreement with the department shall allow the department 18 full access to the project party's financial records. Upon the 19 request of the department for the examination of any financial 20 record, the project party shall allow the department to examine 21 the requested records within a reasonably prompt time from the

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date of the request. If the department requests copies of the
 records, the project party shall provide the copies.

3 (b) To provide the public with full knowledge of the use
4 of the proceeds and benefits derived from special purpose
5 revenue bonds issued under this part, the department shall
6 require each project party with a project agreement with the
7 department to make available to the public all relevant
8 financial records that pertain to the use of or savings
9 resulting from the use of special purpose revenue bonds.

10 (c) The department shall adopt rules under chapter 91 for11 the purposes of this section.

12 §39A-U Estimate of benefits. (a) Each project party with a project agreement with the department shall estimate the 13 14 benefits derived from the use of the proceeds of special purpose 15 revenue bonds. The benefits estimated shall be based on the 16 creation of new jobs and potential effect on tax receipts. The 17 format of and method for determining the estimates shall be 18 established by the department and shall be uniform for each 19 project party.

20 (b) To promote public understanding of the role played by
21 special purpose revenue bonds in providing benefits to the
22 general public, the department shall take appropriate steps to

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ensure public access to and scrutiny of the estimates determined
 under subsection (a).

3 (c) The department shall adopt rules under chapter 91 for4 the purposes of this section.

5 §39A-V Construction of this part. The powers conferred by
6 this part shall be in addition and supplemental to the powers
7 conferred by any other law. Insofar as the provisions of this
8 part are inconsistent with the provisions of any other law, this
9 part shall control."

SECTION 2. In codifying the new part added to chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating the new sections in this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and upon ratification of constitutional amendments authorizing the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds from the bonds to assist agricultural enterprises operating on agricultural lands.

Report Title:

Agricultural Lands; Special Purpose Revenue Bonds

Description:

Allows the authorization of special purpose revenue bonds for certain agricultural enterprises operating on agricultural lands. (SB2485 HD1)

