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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

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

1           SECTION 1.   Amfac Sugar Company announced in 2001 that it  
2 was ceasing operation of its ditch system, comprised of  
3 twenty-two miles of ditch and three reservoirs serving two  
4 thousand acres of land in Kapaa, Kauai. After more than a year,  
5 the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative (Cooperative) received a  
6 revocable permit to operate this state-owned system in March  
7 2002. Since then, the system has provided a number of benefits,  
8 including providing water to the ferns in Fern Grotto, which,  
9 prior to the involvement of the Cooperative, did not receive  
10 sufficient water to survive. Also, the continued health of the  
11 Wailua reservoir, which is part of the system, will greatly  
12 assist the State's plans for a public fishing area, campground,  
13 and educational center for children in the area.

14           The Cooperative is now faced with the problem of funding  
15 ongoing operations and maintenance of the system. Income from  
16 user fees is insufficient to pay for the normal operation and  
17 maintenance expense of the system. The legislature finds that



1 reliable irrigation water is critical for the survival of  
2 agricultural crops in the Kapaa area.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
4 continued operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation  
5 system.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the  
9 operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system by  
10 the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative; provided that the sum  
11 appropriated shall not supplant moneys appropriated to the East  
12 Kauai Water Users' Cooperative for fiscal year 2006-2007.

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

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



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**Report Title:**

East Kauai Irrigation System; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system. (SB2753 HD1)

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