
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 the Kapaa area. After more than a
5 year of effort, the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative received
6 a revocable permit to operate this state-owned system and took
7 it over in March 2002. Since then, the system has provided a
8 number of benefits. For example, a reservoir in the system
9 provides water to the ferns in Fern Grotto; prior to the
10 involvement of the Cooperative, the ferns did not receive
11 sufficient water to live. Continued health of the Wailua
12 Reservoir, which is part of the system, will greatly assist the
13 State's plans for a public fishing area, campground, and
14 educational center for children in the area.

15 The Cooperative is now faced with the problem of funding
16 ongoing operations and maintenance of the system. Income from
17 users is insufficient to pay for the normal operations and



1 maintenance expense on the system. The legislature finds that
2 reliable irrigation water is critical for the survival of
3 agricultural crops in the Kapaa area.

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

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000, or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
10 agribusiness development corporation to fund the East Kauai
11 Water Users' Cooperative to operate and maintain the east Kauai
12 irrigation system; provided that the sums appropriated shall not
13 supplant moneys appropriated to the East Kauai Water Users'
14 Cooperative for fiscal year 2006-2007.

15 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
16 department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. 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.

