
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 received a revocable
6 permit to operate this state-owned system in March 2002. Since
7 then, the system has provided a number of benefits, including
8 providing water to the ferns in Fern Grotto, which, prior to the
9 involvement of the Cooperative, did not receive sufficient water
10 to survive. Also, the continued health of the Wailua reservoir,
11 which is part of the system, will greatly assist the State's
12 plans for a public fishing area, campground, and educational
13 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 users 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 \$, or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
9 the agribusiness development corporation to fund the East Kauai
10 Water Users' Cooperative to operate and maintain the east Kauai
11 irrigation system; provided that the sum appropriated shall not
12 supplant moneys appropriated to the East Kauai Water Users'
13 Cooperative for fiscal year 2006-2007.

14 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
15 agribusiness development corporation for the purposes of this
16 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. (SD1)

