
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a viable agriculture
2 industry requires a steady, reliable supply of water. However,
3 drought conditions continue to adversely affect our farms and
4 ranches, hampering our ability to produce quality products on a
5 consistent basis throughout the year.

6 The legislature finds that to address the negative impact
7 of droughts, we should begin to implement mitigation measures
8 laid out in the Hawaii drought plan. The goal of the Hawaii
9 drought plan is to develop coordinated emergency response
10 mechanisms, while outlining steps to mitigate the effects of
11 future droughts. The Hawaii drought plan provides clear
12 policies and specifies response entities to implement immediate,
13 short-term, and long-term response measures to mitigate the
14 impact of droughts.

15 The legislature also finds that in 2004, county drought
16 committees were formed for each of the four counties in Hawaii.
17 Each of the county drought committees developed a drought
18 mitigation strategy for their respective counties, with a focus



Report Title:

Drought Mitigation; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for drought mitigation projects in each county. (SD1)

