A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

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

1	SECTION 1. Section 167-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
2	amended b	y amending subsection (d) to read as follows:	
3	"(d)	Landowners may apply for funding assistance from the	
4	irrigatio	n repair and maintenance special fund; provided that	
5	the landowner:		
6	(1)	Provides matching funding equal to the amount received	
7		from the irrigation repair and maintenance special	
8		fund;	
9	[-(2)	Agrees to file a petition for declaratory ruling	
10		pursuant to section 205-45 designating a majority of	
11		all land served by the water produced by the	
12		irrigation system as important agricultural lands as	
13		defined under section 205-42 and notifies the board	
14		and county of the petition and designation for the	
15	•	purpose of inclusion on maps; and]	
16	(2)	Dedicates the land to be served by the irrigation	
17		system funded under this section, to agricultural use	

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1		for no fewer than ten years pursuant to county
2		ordinance; and
3	(3)	Agrees to <u>actively</u> use, or provide for the <u>active</u> use
4		of, all <u>such</u> lands <u>for agricultural production if</u>
5		those lands continue to be owned or controlled by the
6		landowner [and served by the water produced by the
7		irrigation system for agricultural production].
8	The board shall develop processes, policies, standards, and	
9	criteria for selecting the landowners that are to receive	
10	funding and the amount of such funding. The board shall also	
11	develop processes, policies, standards, and criteria for	
12	determining the amount of funding provided to irrigation systems	
13	in subsection (b) owned by the State."	
14	SECT	ION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.	
16	SECT	ION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Irrigation Repair and Maintenance Special Fund

Description:

Requires persons applying for funding assistance from the Irrigation Repair and Maintenance Special Fund to dedicate the land to be irrigated to agricultural use for no fewer than ten years.