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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

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

1           SECTION 1. A reliable irrigation system is the lifeblood  
2 of Hawaii's agricultural industry. Sufficient funding is  
3 necessary to maintain and improve the irrigation systems  
4 throughout the State to ensure that crops receive a steady and  
5 dependable supply of water.

6           The legislature finds that a potential crisis is developing  
7 at the East Kauai irrigation system. In 2001, Amfac Sugar  
8 Company announced that it was ceasing operation of its ditch  
9 system, composed of twenty-two miles of ditches and three  
10 reservoirs, which has irrigated four thousand acres of land in  
11 the Kapaa area. The East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative  
12 received a revocable permit from the State to operate the East  
13 Kauai irrigation system and took over operations in March 2002.  
14 However, the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative is facing a  
15 serious funding shortfall because the income that it receives  
16 from users is insufficient to cover the day-to-day operation and  
17 maintenance expenses of the East Kauai irrigation system.



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1           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
2 operation and maintenance of the East Kauai irrigation system.

3           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
6 operation and maintenance of the East Kauai irrigation system.

7           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
8 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

9           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Report Title:**

Appropriation; East Kauai Irrigation System

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the operation and maintenance of the East Kauai irrigation system.

