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THE SENATE  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007  
STATE OF HAWAII

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:  
4           "§269-           Ratemaking; furnishing of water for agricultural  
5 use. The public utilities commission shall require private  
6 entities that furnish water used for agricultural purposes in an  
7 area zoned for agricultural use to establish a water rate  
8 structure for agricultural water use that is comparable to the  
9 water rate structure used by the local county board of water  
10 supply. The difference in water rates between agricultural uses  
11 and other uses of water established by the local county board of  
12 water supply shall be used as a guide for the water rate  
13 structure established by the private entity furnishing the  
14 water. The private entity furnishing the water shall use the  
15 same requirements established by the local county board of water  
16 supply to determine eligibility for the agricultural water use  
17 rates. All private entities furnishing water used for



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1 agricultural purposes in an area zoned for agricultural use  
2 shall establish a water rate structure for agricultural water  
3 use by January 1, 2008."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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**Report Title:**

Agricultural Water Rates

**Description:**

Requires private entities that furnish water used for agricultural purposes in an area zoned for agricultural use to establish a water rate structure for agricultural water use that is comparable to the water rate structure used by the local county board of water supply. (SD1)

