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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

**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. To ensure that Hawaii's  
3 crops receive a steady and dependable supply of water,  
4 sufficient funding is needed to maintain and improve Hawaii's  
5 irrigation systems.

6           The purpose of this Act is to provide additional funding  
7 needed for the repair and maintenance of irrigation systems  
8 throughout the state, including additional personnel for the  
9 department of agriculture to improve oversight and management of  
10 the irrigation systems.

11           SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
12 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$           or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
14 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2008-2009 to  
15 be deposited into the irrigation repair and maintenance special  
16 fund and used for the purposes specified in section 3 of this  
17 Act.



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

3           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the irrigation  
4 repair and maintenance special fund the sum of \$           or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
6 the following:

- 7           (1) \$           for the east Kauai irrigation system;
- 8           (2) \$265,000 for the Waimanalo irrigation system;
- 9           (3) \$           for the Molokai irrigation system;
- 10          (4) \$2,000,000 for the upcountry Maui irrigation system;
- 11          (5) \$           for the Lower Hamakua ditch irrigation  
12           system;
- 13          (6) \$505,000 for the Waimea irrigation system;
- 14          (7) \$600,000 for the agricultural water use development  
15           plan;
- 16          (8) \$96,234 for a new engineer (VI, SR 28) position;
- 17          (9) \$56,635 for a new irrigation system manager (SR 21)  
18           position;
- 19          (10) \$36,830 for the conversion of an existing clerk-typist  
20           II temporary position to a new clerk-typist III  
21           position (SR-13); and



1 (11) \$207,332 for the creation of a mobile disaster  
 2 emergency response team consisting of four (4) new  
 3 irrigation system service worker II positions (WC-7)  
 4 with salaries of \$51,833 each.

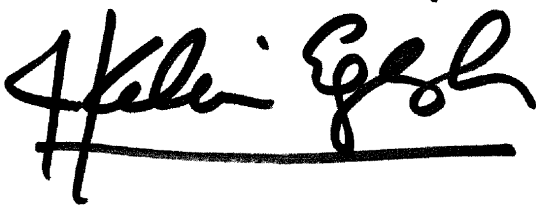
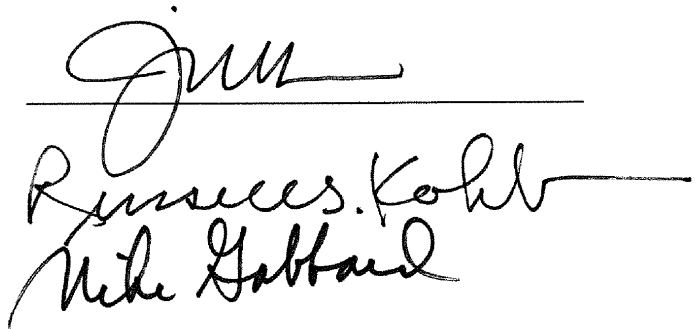
5 The projects are deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid  
 6 financing or reimbursement.

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

9 SECTION 4. The appropriations made for the capital  
 10 improvement projects authorized in this Act shall not lapse at  
 11 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriations are  
 12 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriations  
 13 unencumbered as of June 30, 2010, shall lapse as of that date.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.  
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INTRODUCED BY:


**Report Title:**

Irrigation Repair and Maintenance

**Description:**

Authorizes general obligation bond funds to be deposited into the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund for repair and maintenance of certain irrigation systems, and for additional personnel to improve irrigation system management.

