
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 sections 3 and 4 of
17 this 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 capital improvement projects:

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; and

14 (7) \$600,000 for the agricultural water use development
15 plan.

16 The projects are deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid
17 financing or reimbursement.

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

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the irrigation
21 repair and maintenance special fund the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
2 the following personnel positions:

- 3 (1) \$96,234 for a new engineer (VI, SR 28) position;
4 (2) \$56,635 for a new irrigation system manager (SR 21)
5 position;
6 (3) \$36,830 for the conversion of an existing clerk-typist
7 II temporary position to a new clerk-typist III
8 position (SR-10); and
9 (4) \$207,332 for the creation of a mobile disaster
10 emergency response team consisting of four (4) new
11 irrigation system service worker II positions (WC-7)
12 with salaries of \$51,833 each.

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

15 SECTION 5. The appropriations made for the capital
16 improvement projects authorized in section 3 of this Act shall
17 not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the
18 appropriations are made; provided that all moneys from the
19 appropriations unencumbered as of June 30, 2010, shall lapse as
20 of that date.

21 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



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.
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