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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING A GRANT-IN-AID APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTIES TO FINANCE  
DROUGHT MITIGATION PROJECTS AND MEASURES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a viable agriculture  
2 industry requires a steady, reliable supply of water. However,  
3 drought conditions continue to adversely affect local farms and  
4 ranches, hampering their ability to produce quality products on  
5 a consistent basis throughout the year.

6           The legislature believes that to address the harmful impact  
7 of droughts, mitigation measures in the Hawaii drought plan must  
8 be implemented. The goal of the Hawaii drought plan is to  
9 develop coordinated emergency response mechanisms and to outline  
10 steps toward mitigating the effects of future droughts. The  
11 Hawaii drought plan provides clear policies and directs  
12 responsible agencies to implement immediate, short-term and  
13 long-term response measures to mitigate the impact of droughts.

14           The legislature also finds that in 2004, county drought  
15 committees were formed for each of the four counties in Hawaii.  
16 Each of the county drought committees developed a drought  
17 mitigation strategy for its respective county, emphasizing



1 drought mitigation projects. These county drought mitigation  
 2 strategies represent the local needs and concerns of each county  
 3 and are incorporated by reference into the Hawaii drought plan.

4 The legislature further finds that to implement the Hawaii  
 5 drought plan adequately, sufficient funding to the counties is  
 6 necessary to address the many challenges that our agriculture  
 7 industry faces in preparing for droughts.

8 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to pursue  
 9 drought mitigation projects and measures in each county of the  
 10 State.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much  
 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for a  
 14 grant-in-aid to the counties for agricultural drought mitigation  
 15 measures and projects, to be appropriated as follows:

16	County of Hawaii	\$
17	County of Kauai	\$
18	County of Maui	\$
19	City and county of Honolulu	\$
20	Total	\$4,000,000



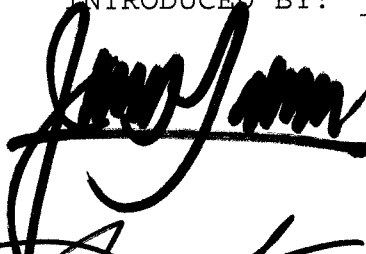
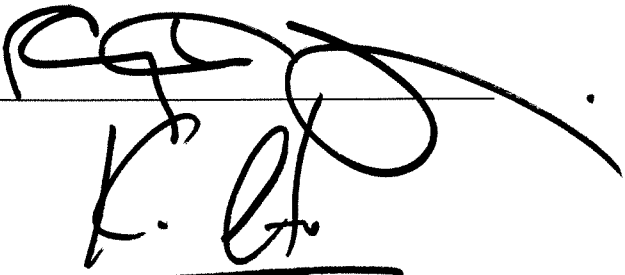
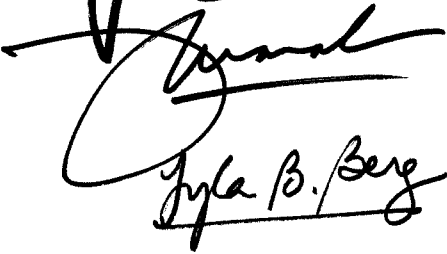
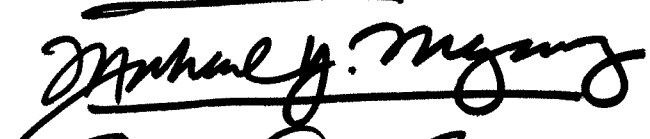
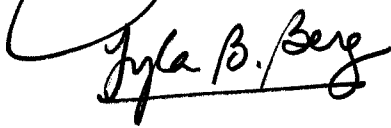


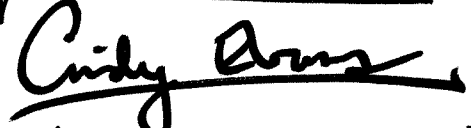



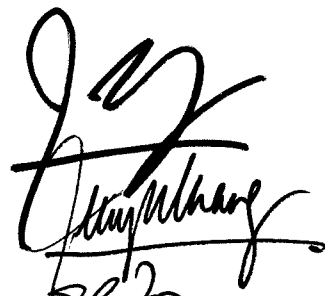


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1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the appropriate  
 2 county department of the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai and  
 3 the city and county of Honolulu.

4           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY:



**Report Title:**

Drought Mitigation; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the counties for drought mitigation purposes.

