
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 49-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§49-3 Additional powers of counties.** (a) In addition to
4 the powers [~~which~~] that it may now have, any county under this
5 chapter may:

6 (1) Construct, acquire by gift, purchase, or the exercise
7 of the right of eminent domain, reconstruct, improve,
8 better, or extend any undertaking, within or without
9 the county, or partially within or partially without
10 the county, and acquire by gift, purchase, or the
11 exercise of the right of eminent domain, lands or
12 rights in land or water rights in connection
13 [~~therewith~~] with the land rights or undertake the
14 establishment and administration of a loan program as
15 authorized by the law;

16 (2) Operate and maintain any undertaking and maintain a
17 loan program as authorized by law and furnish the
18 services, facilities, and commodities thereof for its



- 1 own use and for the use of public and private
2 consumers within or without the territorial boundaries
3 of the county;
- 4 (3) Issue its revenue bonds to finance in whole or in part
5 the cost of the acquisition, purchase, construction,
6 reconstruction, improvement, betterment, or extension
7 of any undertaking or the establishment and
8 administration of any loan program as authorized by
9 law;
- 10 (4) Impose, prescribe, and collect rates, rentals, fees,
11 and charges for the use and services of, and the
12 facilities and commodities furnished by, the
13 undertaking or the use and services of the loan
14 program as authorized by law, as provided in section
15 49-10; and
- 16 (5) Pledge to the punctual payment of the revenue bonds
17 and interest thereon or covenant to pay into any
18 special funds from which any revenue bonds may be
19 payable, all or any portion of the revenue of the
20 undertaking or loan program or of any part thereof, or
21 the user taxes derived therefrom, or any combination
22 of both (including improvements, betterments, or



1 extensions thereto thereafter constructed or acquired)
2 sufficient, among other things, to pay the revenue
3 bonds and interest thereon as the same shall become
4 due and create and maintain reasonable reserves
5 therefor.

6 (b) The governing body of the county in determining the
7 cost may include all costs and estimated costs of the issuance
8 of the revenue bonds, all architectural, engineering,
9 inspection, financial, and legal expenses, all costs of
10 establishing or administering a loan program authorized by law,
11 the cost of causing the payment of the principal or interest or
12 both of the revenue bonds to be insured or guaranteed, the
13 initial cost of any support facility obtained as permitted by
14 section 49-8, and interest [~~which it~~] that is estimated will
15 accrue on the bonds during the construction or origination
16 period and for six months thereafter.

17 (c) Subject to the approval of the governing body, a board
18 may exercise all or any part of the powers vested in the county
19 pursuant to this chapter but only with respect to an undertaking
20 or loan program under the jurisdiction of [~~such~~] the board. In
21 the event a board shall exercise any of the powers vested in the
22 county pursuant to this chapter, the term governing body as used



1 in this chapter shall be deemed to mean the board, and the term
2 director of finance shall be deemed to mean the chief financial
3 officer of the board.

4 (d) In a county with a population of at least five hundred
5 thousand persons, a board may issue revenue bonds in its own
6 name if so authorized under the county charter."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Counties; Revenue Bonds

Description:

Specifies that in a county with a population of at least 500,000 people, a county board may issue revenue bonds in its own name if so authorized under the county charter. (HB588 HD1)

