
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE REPAIR AND
MAINTENANCE OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS WITHIN THE STATE.

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

1 SECTION 1. A reliable irrigation system is the lifeblood
2 of Hawai'i's agricultural industry. To ensure that Hawai'i's
3 farmers receive a steady and dependable supply of water to grow
4 their crops, sufficient funding is needed to maintain and
5 improve Hawai'i's agricultural irrigation systems.

6 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
7 general obligation bonds for capital improvement projects to
8 repair, maintain, and develop irrigation systems as identified
9 throughout the State. This contribution to the State's
10 agricultural infrastructure will:

- 11 (1) Act as a needed economic stimulus for the State's
12 economy;
- 13 (2) Create a dynamic impact of water availability enabling
14 increased agricultural production; and
- 15 (3) Benefit the State through increased tax revenue.

16 The total amount for these capital improvement projects
17 approximates \$16,000,000.

1 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
 2 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
 4 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2009-2010
 5 for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects for
 6 irrigation systems throughout the State, as follows:

7 (1) Repair, maintenance, and salaries for additional
 8 employees of the Agricultural Resource Management
 9 Division, for the repair, maintenance, and support of
 10 the following irrigation systems:

- 11 (A) Maui:
 - 12 (i) West Maui \$
 - 13 (ii) Upcountry Maui \$;
- 14 (B) Molokai \$;
- 15 (C) Hawai'i:
 - 16 (i) Lower Hamakua \$
 - 17 (ii) Kau \$
 - 18 (iii) Waimea \$;
- 19 (D) Kauai:
 - 20 (i) East Kauai \$
 - 21 (ii) West Kauai \$;
- 22 (E) Oahu:

1 (i) Kahuku agricultural park \$
 2 (ii) Waimanalo \$;

3 and

4 (2) \$ for the development of the department of
 5 agriculture's agricultural water use and development
 6 plan, mandated by Act 101, Session Laws of Hawaii
 7 1998.

8 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
 9 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
 10 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
 11 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
 12 unencumbered as of June 30, 2012, shall lapse as of that date.

13 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated for the respective
 14 capital projects set forth in section 2 shall be expended by the
 15 department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the irrigation
 17 repair and maintenance special fund under section 167-24, Hawaii
 18 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$ or so much thereof as
 19 may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for the purposes of
 20 furthering the projects outlined in section 2 of this Act. Any
 21 unexpended or unencumbered balance of any appropriation made by

1 this section as of the close of business on June 30, 2010, shall
2 lapse into the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund.

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

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

Report Title:

CIP; General Obligation Bonds; Irrigation; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation

Description:

Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects to repair and maintain irrigation systems within the State. (SD1)