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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 141-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3           "(c) Subject to legislative appropriation, moneys in the  
4 special fund may be expended for the following purposes:

5           (1) The awarding of grants to farmers for agricultural  
6 production or processing activity;

7           (2) The acquisition of real property for agricultural  
8 production or processing activity;

9           (3) The improvement of real property, dams, reservoirs,  
10 irrigation systems, and transportation networks  
11 necessary to promote agricultural production or  
12 processing activity[+], including investigative  
13 studies to identify and assess necessary improvements  
14 to dams, reservoirs, irrigation systems, and  
15 transportation networks;

16           (4) The purchase of equipment necessary for agricultural  
17 production or processing activity;



- 1 (5) The conduct of research on and testing of agricultural  
2 products and markets;
- 3 (6) The funding of agricultural inspector positions within  
4 the department of agriculture;
- 5 (7) The promotion and marketing of agricultural products  
6 grown or raised in the State; [~~and~~]
- 7 (8) Water quality testing and improvement;
- 8 [~~(8)~~] (9) Any other activity intended to increase  
9 agricultural production or processing that may lead to  
10 reduced importation of food, fodder, or feed from  
11 outside the State."

12 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
13 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary, the revenues of which shall be  
15 deposited into the agricultural development and food security  
16 special fund established under section 141-10, Hawaii Revised  
17 Statutes, and the same sum or so much thereof as may be  
18 necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 is appropriated for plans,  
19 design, engineering, investigative studies, construction,  
20 renovation, repair, maintenance, and equipment for dam,  
21 reservoir, or irrigation system improvements. The revenues  
22 derived from the issuance of the general obligations bonds that



1 are deposited into the agricultural development and food  
2 security special fund shall be used for the purposes of this  
3 Act; provided that no funds shall be made available from the  
4 agricultural development and food security special fund under  
5 this Act for privately-owned dams, reservoirs, or irrigation  
6 systems unless private revenues are provided to match the funds  
7 made available from the agricultural development and food  
8 security special fund under this Act; provided further that the  
9 priority of projects shall be based on the following criteria:

- 10 (1) Dams or reservoirs with a classification of "high  
11 hazard", as defined in section 179D-3, Hawaii Revised  
12 Statutes; or  
13 (2) Dams or reservoirs with a high degree of existing or  
14 potential dam or reservoir safety improvements.

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

17 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund

**Description:**

Expands the authorized uses of the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund to include the improvement of dams and reservoirs, and water quality testing and improvement. Authorizes director of finance to issue general obligation bonds for the special fund. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB14 HD1)

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