
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 174C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§174C-A Water development study. (a) The department of
5 agriculture shall conduct and do what is necessary to prepare a
6 statewide water development study for agricultural uses in the
7 State, in accordance with chapter 167 and this chapter, which
8 shall:

9 (1) Briefly summarize the previous, current, and future
10 plans to prepare the state agricultural water use and
11 development plan;

12 (2) Determine and investigate existing and future water
13 resources that can be developed for agricultural use
14 on commercial farms, including an analysis of:

15 (A) Surface water capacity;

16 (B) Subsurface water capacity; and

17 (C) Other water producing facilities;



- 1 (3) Identify additional support and ancillary facilities,
2 including storage and distribution for farming areas;
- 3 (4) To the extent feasible, compute the probable range of
4 water demand for farming areas based on the range of
5 probable agricultural use;
- 6 (5) Develop alternatives to implementing additional water
7 capacity to meet existing and potential demands;
- 8 (6) Propose and discuss alternative management concepts
9 for irrigation water systems;
- 10 (7) Develop a geographical information system, in
11 conjunction with the department of agriculture and its
12 specifications, which will be made available to the
13 department;
- 14 (8) Use the geographical information system and currently
15 available data sets to determine data sets that can
16 possibly be developed;
- 17 (9) Develop an implementation plan, including funding
18 alternatives; and
- 19 (10) Summarize the regulatory framework, including
20 pertinent legal matters and decisions.

21 **§174C-B Water development study special fund; established.**

- 22 (a) There is established the water development study special



1 fund to be administered by the department of agriculture. The
2 fund shall consist of:

3 (1) Funds appropriated by the legislature for the purpose
4 of section 174C-A;

5 (2) Any federal funds received for the purpose of section
6 174C-A; and

7 (3) Any interest on moneys within the fund.

8 (b) The fund shall be used to prepare the water
9 development study established under section 174C-A.

10 (c) In administering the fund, the department of
11 agriculture shall maintain records of all expenditures and
12 disbursements made from the fund.

13 (d) The department of agriculture shall submit to the
14 legislature an annual report on activities under the water
15 development study special fund no later than twenty days prior
16 to the convening of each regular session."

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ for fiscal
19 year 2011-2012 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
20 necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013, to be deposited into the
21 water development study special fund.



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1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the water
 2 development study special fund the sum of \$ or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
 4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 5 2012-2013 to prepare the statewide water development study
 6 pursuant to this Act.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 8 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

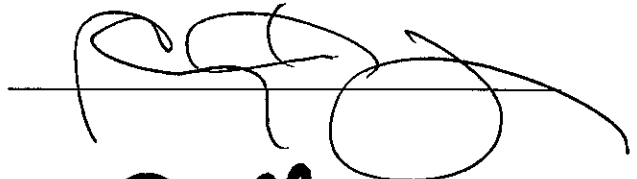
9 SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section
 10 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
 11 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
 12 the new sections in this Act.

13 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Water Development Study; Appropriation

Description:

Allows for the preparation of a water development study and establishes the water development study special fund. Effective July 1, 2011.

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