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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DROUGHT MITIGATION.

**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. Further, recent long  
6 term weather predictions indicate extended droughts interspersed  
7 with storms of great intensity.

8           The legislature believes that to address the harmful impact  
9 of droughts, mitigation measures in the Hawaii drought plan must  
10 be implemented. The goal of the Hawaii drought plan is to  
11 develop coordinated emergency response mechanisms and to outline  
12 steps toward mitigating the effects of future droughts. The  
13 Hawaii drought plan provides clear policies and directs  
14 responsible agencies to implement immediate, short-term and  
15 long-term response measures to mitigate the impact of droughts.  
16 In addition to traditional reservoirs that capture surface water  
17 for later use, other techniques such as rain harvesting have  
18 proven beneficial in other areas of the world.





1	County of Maui	\$
2	City and county of Honolulu	\$
3	Total	\$

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the appropriate  
5 county department of the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui,  
6 and the city and county of Honolulu, respectively.

7 SECTION 3. Each of the county drought mitigation  
8 committees shall submit a report to the legislature, no later  
9 than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014 regular  
10 session, on the status of that county's drought mitigation  
11 projects. Each report shall include:

12 (1) The actions and steps taken to pursue and implement  
13 new projects to mitigate the effect of future droughts  
14 and their impact on improving farm and ranch  
15 viability;

16 (2) The status and progress of existing drought mitigation  
17 strategies, including existing drought mitigation  
18 projects; and




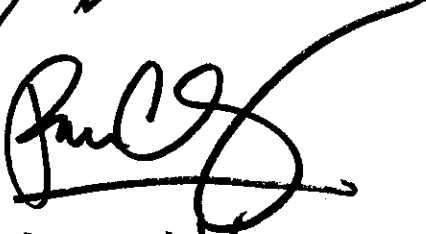

19 (3) The actions taken to draw upon available federal funds  
20 to support drought mitigation projects and, where no  
21 action has been taken to draw upon federal funds, an  
22 explanation for the inaction.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
2 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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# H.B. NO. 2832

**Report Title:**

Drought Mitigation; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the counties for drought mitigation purposes. Requires the counties to report to the Legislature on the status of drought mitigation projects. Effective July 1, 2012.

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