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)   Any other activity intended to increase agricultural

8   production or processing that may lead to reduced

9   importation of food, fodder, or feed from outside the

10   State."

11   SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue

12   general obligation bonds in the sum of $ or so much

13   thereof as may be necessary, which shall be deposited into the

14   agricultural development and food security special fund and the

15   same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated

16   for plans, design, engineering, investigative studies,

17   construction, renovation, repair, maintenance, and equipment for

18   dam, reservoir, or irrigation system improvements; provided that

19   no funds shall be made available from the agricultural

20   development and food security special fund under this Act unless

21   private revenues are provided to match the funds made available

22   from the agricultural development and food security special fund

1   under this Act; provided further that the priority of projects

2   shall be based on the following criteria:

3   (1)   Dams or reservoirs with a classification of "high

4   hazard", as defined in section 179D-3, Hawaii Revised

5   Statutes; or

6   (2)   Dams or reservoirs with a high degree of existing or

7   potential dam or reservoir safety improvements

8   pursuant to Phase I or Phase II investigations.

9   SECTION 3.   The sum appropriated shall be expended by the

10   department of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

11   SECTION 4.   Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

12   and stricken.   New statutory material is underscored.

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

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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 and investigative studies of dams and reservoirs. Authorizes Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds for the special fund. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB868 HD1)

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