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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

**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 Hawaii's farms  
4 and ranches, hampering the State's ability to produce quality  
5 products on a consistent basis throughout the year.

6           The legislature believes that to address the harmful impact  
7 of droughts, mitigation measures must be implemented. At the  
8 state level, the Hawaii drought plan is aimed at developing  
9 coordinated emergency response mechanisms while at the same time  
10 outlining short-term and long-term steps toward mitigating the  
11 impact of drought occurrences. In 2004, county drought  
12 committees were formed in each of the four counties. The  
13 purpose of these committees is to develop drought mitigation  
14 strategies that address the local needs and concerns of each  
15 county which are then incorporated by reference into the Hawaii  
16 drought plan.



1           The legislature further finds that to implement the Hawaii  
 2 drought plan adequately, sufficient funding to the counties is  
 3 necessary to address the many challenges that Hawaii's  
 4 agriculture industry faces in preparing for droughts.

5           The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to pursue  
 6 drought mitigation projects and measures in each county of the  
 7 State.

8           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much  
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the  
 11 same sum or so much thereof for fiscal year 2014-2015 for a  
 12 grant-in-aid to the counties for agricultural drought mitigation  
 13 plans, measures, and projects, to be allocated as follows:

14	County of Hawaii	\$
15	County of Kauai	\$
16	County of Maui	\$
17	City and county of Honolulu	\$
18	Total	\$4,000,000



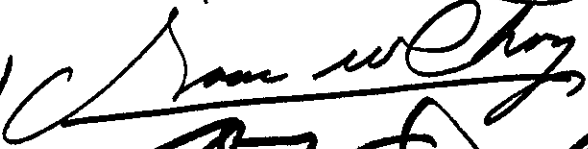


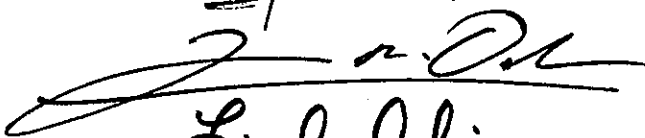
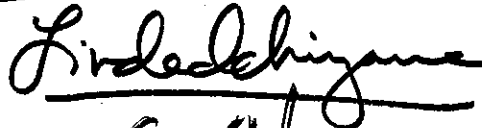



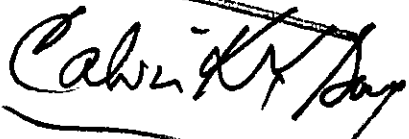
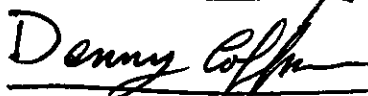
19           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the appropriate  
 20 agency of each of the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and the  
 21 city and county of Honolulu; provided that each county shall



1 coordinate its drought mitigation activities with the department  
2 of land and natural resources.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.  
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INTRODUCED BY:



# H.B. NO. 281

**Report Title:**

Drought Mitigation; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the counties for drought mitigation purposes.

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