A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST BIOTORK HAWAII LLC.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is in the State's
- 2 interest to convert crops, crop residues, dedicated energy
- 3 crops, and agricultural wastes into economically- and
- 4 environmentally-sustainable biofuels and value-added co-
- 5 products. In so doing, the State advances agricultural and
- 6 energy initiatives that promote sustainability and self-
- 7 sufficiency. The legislature finds that BioTork Hawaii LLC
- 8 proposes to build, own, and operate facilities to convert
- 9 agricultural crops and by-products like albizia, sweet potatoes,
- 10 papaya, sugar cane bagasse, and molasses to biofuels and high-
- 11 protein feed. The legislature also finds that part V, chapter
- 12 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, permits the State to financially
- 13 assist industrial enterprises through the issuance of special
- 14 purpose revenue bonds.
- 15 SECTION 2. The legislature finds and declares that the
- 16 issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in

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- 1 the public interest and for the public health, safety, and
- 2 general welfare.
- 3 SECTION 3. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 4 Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
- 5 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
- 6 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000,000, in
- 7 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting BioTork Hawaii
- 8 LLC, a Delaware corporation, for the planning, permitting,
- 9 design, construction, equipping, and operation of a facility
- 10 capable of converting agricultural crops and by-products to
- 11 biofuels and high-protein feed. The legislature hereby finds
- 12 that the activity and facilities of BioTork Hawaii LLC in the
- 13 development and operation of a facility capable of converting
- 14 agricultural crops and by-products to biofuels and high-protein
- 15 feed constitutes a project as defined in part V, chapter 39A,
- 16 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof is assistance
- 17 to an industrial enterprise.
- 18 SECTION 4. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 19 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
- 20 shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 21 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
- 22 bonds to assist industrial enterprises.

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- 1 SECTION 5. The department of budget and finance is
- 2 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to
- 3 June 30, 2019, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
- 4 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
- 5 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized
- 6 in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds
- 7 authorized in this section, regardless of whether the
- 8 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
- 9 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
- 10 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
- 11 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
- 12 section 3. In making this determination, the department shall
- 13 comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal
- 14 income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature
- 15 authorized by this section.
- 16 SECTION 6. The authorization to issue special purpose
- 17 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2019.
- 18 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

BioTork Hawaii LLC; Biofuels; Special Purpose Revenue Bonds

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds of up to \$50,000,000 for BioTork Hawaii LLC for the development and operation of a facility to convert agricultural crops and byproducts to biofuels and high-protein feed. Effective July 1, 2014.

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