A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

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

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that reliable irrigation
2	systems are the lifeline of Hawaii's agricultural industry. To
3	ensure that Hawaii's crops receive a steady and dependable
4	supply of water, sufficient funding is needed to maintain and
5	improve Hawaii's irrigation systems. Increasing weather
6	tendencies of extended drought events highlight the need for
7	timely repair and maintenance of these systems.
8	The purpose of this Act is to provide funding needed for
9	improvements to irrigation systems and associated agricultural
10	management facilities throughout the 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 and the same sum or so much thereof
14	as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year
15	for the purpose of making capital improvements to irrigation
16	systems and associated agricultural management facilities in the
17	State.

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- 1 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
- 2 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
- 3 the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made;
- 4 provided that all moneys from the appropriation in section 2
- 5 that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of
- 6 that date.
- 7 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated in section 2 of this Act
- 8 shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the
- 9 purposes of this Act.
- 10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation; Irrigation Systems

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvements to irrigation systems and associated agricultural management facilities. (SB2294 HD1)

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