
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KAMUELA
VACUUM COOLING PLANT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Kamuela vacuum cooling plant is a large
2 warehouse operated by the Kamuela Farmers Cooperative in
3 partnership with the department of agriculture to cool down
4 Waimea-grown vegetables before being shipped to market. The
5 Kamuela vacuum cooling plant processes approximately seven
6 million pounds of produce annually, while also providing storage
7 and limited processing services. The Kamuela vacuum cooling
8 plant is nearly thirty years old and has sustained severe wind
9 damage that led to roof repair in 2008. The plant's maintenance
10 program is adversely affected by high energy costs.

11 Unless the cooling and electrical systems can be repaired
12 or upgraded, expansion and diversification of the overall
13 operation of the cooling plant cannot be achieved. Further, the
14 introduction of new commodities will be difficult, and the
15 already limited processing and packing operations will remain
16 limited.



1 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for
2 phase II of the renovations to the Kamuela vacuum cooling plant.

3 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
4 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2014-2015
7 for the plans and design of phase II renovations for the Kamuela
8 vacuum cooling plant.

9 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated for the capital project
10 set forth in section 2 shall be expended by the department of
11 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital
13 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
14 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
15 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
16 unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of that date.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



Report Title:

CIP; Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the planning and designing of phase II renovations to the Kamuela vacuum cooling plant. (SD1)

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