
A BILL FOR AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE
WAIMEA-PAAUILO WATERSHED PROJECT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Waimea-Paauilo watershed is approximately
2 143,000 acres and is located in the northeast part of the island
3 of Hawaii. The Waimea-Paauilo watershed project extends to the
4 8,000 foot level of Mauna Kea in the south and to the Waikoloa
5 stream drainage in the west. Current land use consists of
6 irrigated cropland, pastureland, forest reserve, watershed, and
7 urban area.

8 Most surface water in the area originates on the higher
9 slopes of the Kohala mountains. Streams are perennial at the
10 headwaters with most of the flow being diverted into lined
11 ditches, tunnels, pipelines, and reservoirs or disappearing into
12 faults or lava tubes before reaching the coast.

13 The major problem with the Waimea-Paauilo watershed is
14 inadequate water supply due to insufficient agricultural water
15 storage reservoirs and a water collection system with high
16 seepage losses. The distribution systems are inadequate for the
17 agricultural enterprises in the watershed area. The Waimea-



1 Paauilo watershed project would improve agricultural water
2 management through more efficient irrigation and livestock water
3 distribution systems and protect the soil resources base by
4 facilitating improved pasture management. The production of
5 crops would be improved since the project would help alleviate
6 the drought conditions on the island of Hawaii.

7 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
8 general obligation bonds for plans, design, and construction of
9 the Waimea-Paauilo watershed project.

10 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
11 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
13 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2014-2015
14 for design, plans, and construction of the Waimea-Paauilo
15 watershed project.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
19 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
20 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
21 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
22 unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of that date.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

CIP; Waimea-Paauilo Watershed Project; GO Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for design, plans, and construction of the Waimea-Paauilo watershed project. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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