

SB3026

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

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.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: WTL, WAM

Introducer(s): SOLOMON

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/23/2014	S	Introduced.
1/23/2014	S	Passed First Reading.
1/27/2014	S	Referred to WTL, WAM.
1/30/2014	S	The committee(s) on WTL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-05-14 2:00PM in conference room 225.

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3026
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
FOR THE WAIMEA-PAAUILO WATERSHED PROJECT**

Senate Bill 3026 proposes to authorize the issuance of an unspecified amount of general obligation bonds for design, plans, and construction of the Waimea-Paauilo watershed project. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) provides the following comments.**

Agriculture in the Waimea-Paauilo areas of Hawaii County utilizes water from private water sources as well as the Department of Agriculture's (DOA) Waimea Irrigation System. The DOA Waimea System includes 2 reservoirs (Waimea 60 Million Gallon Reservoir and Puu Pulehu 100 Million Gallon Reservoir) and about 15 miles of water ditches and tunnels. Its distribution system provides water for farmers and ranchers in Waimea. As this system is owned, operated and maintained by the DOA, the Department suggests that if this measure moves forward, any funding should be authorized to, and expended by, the DOA.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND LAND

February 5, 2014, 2:00 P.M.
ROOM 225

SENATE BILL NO. 3026
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE
WAIMEA-PAAUILO WATERSHED PROJECT

Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 3026. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate general obligation bonds for the Waimea-Paauilo Watershed Project.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this bill and respectfully requests that the expending agency be changed to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, as this is one of the irrigation systems under our jurisdiction.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify.



HAWAII SPORTSMEN ALLIANCE

SUPPORTING S.B.3026

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014, 2:00PM, ROOM 225

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our natural resources.*

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Hawaii Sportsmen Alliance supports SB3026 through improvements to agricultural water management, efficient irrigation and livestock water distribution systems and improved pasture management.

Mahalo,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:

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Alex Franco	Maui Cattle Company	Support	No

Comments: It is important to the farmers in Waimea to be able to store more water used for irrigated crops.

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Christopher J. Robb	Mauna Kea SWCD	Support	No

Comments: The Waimea district needs this additional reservoir to fulfill the States desire to be more sustainable. As we are all aware, the weather patterns have changed. We are more prone to wide swings in the rainfall patterns. We cannot rely on rainfall alone as it has become unpredictable and sporadic, particularly on the north western part of the Big Island. We have a great resource in the Kohala Watershed that can provide vast amounts of water that needs to be stored and distributed to DHHL ranchers and farmers. Without this resource we will see more ranchers and farmers struggling to survive. California is running out of water, we should not follow in their path.

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Stephanie A Whalen	Hawaii Agriculture Research Center	Support	No

Comments: Irrigation infrastructure which includes storage is critical to the transitioning of agriculture from large scale to smaller operators. In many cases it is not the lack of quantity but the need for storage that is critical. When it rains a farm often has access to more water than needed only to be water short when it doesn't rain. On the mainland there are many surface reservoirs. Hawaii needs to figure out how it can store water. Luckily we have underground aquifers but much of the water comes too fast to be absorbed and percolate. It is not retained and just runs off into the ocean.

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Hawaii's Agricultural Partnerships	Non Profit	Support	No

Comments: Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria 4 Ag Hawaii strongly supports SB 3026 4 Ag Hawaii is a non-profit 501[c] [3] corporation established as a public-private partnership focused on goals that include: promoting the agricultural economic welfare of Hawai'i and its counties; conducting agricultural economic; educational & media programs, and fostering statewide interest for responsible agricultural economic development of our islands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Howard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Water catchment and holding facilities for agricultural purposes is a high priority for a state so isolated as Hawaii. And it is especially important and well spent in a proven agricultural community as Waimea. The whole state will benefit. Mahalo

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Paul Bueltmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB3026 Proper watershed management does not involve fences and eradication. It calls for infrastructure upgrades and improvements. I support this bill.

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Ryan Kohatsu	Individual	Support	No

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Sara Moore	Individual	Support	No

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Tom Lodge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the development of additional water infrastructure for ranching, farming, and other agricultural use. Much Aloha Tom Lodge

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