
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 174C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§174C- Water conservation rebate program. (a) There
5 is established a water conservation rebate program. Pursuant to
6 section 174C-5(13), the commission may coordinate and contract
7 with public water systems and utilities to implement the water
8 conservation rebate program. The total amount of rebates
9 granted pursuant to this section shall not exceed \$2,000,000 in
10 any calendar year.

11 (b) The commission shall:

12 (1) Prepare any forms that may be necessary to implement
13 the rebate program, including issuing requests for
14 proposals from public water systems and utilities
15 describing their proposed rebate program;

16 (2) Require that public water systems and utilities
17 furnish information documenting the total estimated



1 amount of water conserved under the rebate program;

2 and

3 (3) Prioritize annual rebates granted pursuant to this
4 section for public water systems and utilities where
5 state funds are matched or leveraged with non-state
6 funds.

7 (c) Rebates granted pursuant to this section shall not
8 support greater than fifty per cent of the cost of a newly
9 constructed water conservation system and shall not exceed
10 \$1,000 per residential household per year and \$5,000 per
11 commercial entity for water conservation systems per year.

12 (d) As used in this section:

13 "Public water system" has the same meaning as in section
14 340E-1.

15 "Water conservation systems" means equipment and supplies
16 used to construct or install a device that materially and
17 predictably reduces potable water use or waste in a residential
18 or commercial setting as determined by the commission. The term
19 may include rain barrels and cisterns, hot water circulation
20 pumps, low-flow pre-rinse spray nozzles, soil moisture sensors
21 as a component of an automatic irrigation system, air



1 conditioning condensate capture, multi-unit water sub-meters,
2 high efficiency toilets utilizing 1.28 gallons or less per
3 flush, and other devices and apparatus as determined by the
4 commission."

5 SECTION 2. The commission on water resource management
6 shall:

- 7 (1) Review the water conservation system rebate program
8 and determine the amount of non-state funds obtained
9 as matching funds;
- 10 (2) Determine the impact of the rebate program on water
11 conservation in terms of water saved; and
- 12 (3) Make a recommendation to the legislature on whether
13 the rebate program should be extended or not.

14 The commission on water resource management shall submit a
15 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
16 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
17 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
21 water conservation rebate program.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the commission on
2 water resource management for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Water Conservation System; Rebate Program; Appropriation

Description:

Creates a water conservation rebate program for newly constructed water conservation systems under the commission on water resource management. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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