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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A SMALL BOAT HARBOR IN SOUTH PUNA.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the district of Puna  
2 needs a new small boat harbor to service residents, particularly  
3 those living south of the anticipated lava flows. Lava flow is  
4 incredibly unpredictable, leaving Puna residents in constant  
5 fear of their community being cut off from supplies and  
6 services. Although this harbor will take five to ten years to  
7 construct, initiating the process now will allow for the Puna  
8 community to continue to grow and thrive knowing that there is a  
9 plan in place.

10           Geographically Puna is a huge district, just slightly  
11 smaller than the island of Kauai. A few factors make access to  
12 Puna challenging, specifically Puna has an extensive network of  
13 lava tubes creating terrain that is too risky to pave;  
14 therefore, road infrastructure cannot be developed to  
15 accommodate efficient transportation. Puna needs a harbor in  
16 order to more efficiently transport supplies.



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1           Currently, the Puna coast has only one option, Pohoiki boat  
2 ramp, which is too small for commerce. The closest commercial  
3 harbor to Puna is Hilo harbor, a trip that takes approximately  
4 six to eight hours round trip from South Puna and requires a  
5 great amount of fuel.

6           Furthermore, Puna is the fastest growing district in the  
7 county of Hawaii, with a population of 45,326, according to the  
8 2010 United States census, and is expected to grow to  
9 approximately 75,000 by 2030. Puna is also becoming  
10 increasingly popular as a tourist attraction as it is near  
11 Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and is a world renowned  
12 destination for ecotourism and personal development  
13 opportunities.

14           The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of  
15 general obligation bonds for the design and construction of a  
16 small boat harbor in South Puna.

17           SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
18 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much  
19 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
20 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016



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1 for the design and construction of a small boat harbor in South  
2 Puna.

3 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital  
4 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
5 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
6 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
7 unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse as of that date.

8 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated in section 2 of this Act  
9 shall be expended by the department of land and natural  
10 resources for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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# S.B. NO. 1200

**Report Title:**

Puna Small Boat Harbor; General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds to finance the design and construction of a small boat harbor in South Puna.

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