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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a reliable  
2 irrigation system is the lifeline of Hawaii's agricultural  
3 industry. To ensure that Hawaii's crops receive a steady and  
4 dependable supply of water, sufficient funding is needed to  
5 maintain and improve Hawaii's irrigation systems. Increasing  
6 weather tendencies of extended drought events highlight the need  
7 for timely repair and maintenance of these systems.

8 The purpose of this Act is to provide additional funding  
9 needed for improvements to irrigation systems throughout the  
10 State.

11 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
12 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$12,700,000 or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
14 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2016-2017  
15 for the purpose of making capital improvements to irrigation  
16 systems in the State.

17 1. Molokai Irrigation System Improvements

18 Design \$300,000



1	Construction	\$3,700,000	
2	Total funding		\$4,000,000
3	2. Lower Hamakua Ditch Improvements, Hawaii		
4	Design	\$250,000	
5	Construction	\$1,750,000	
6	Total funding		\$2,000,000
7	3. Kahuku Ag Park Improvements, Oahu		
8	Design	\$250,000	
9	Construction	\$1,150,000	
10	Total funding		\$1,400,000
11	4. Waimanalo Irrigation System Improvements,		
12	Oahu		
13	Design	\$400,000	
14	Construction	\$3,300,000	
15	Total funding		\$3,700,000
16	5. Waimea Irrigation Improvements, Hawaii		
17	Design	\$100,000	
18	Construction	\$500,000	
19	Total funding		\$600,000
20	6. State Irrigation Reservoir Safety		
21	Improvements, Statewide		



1	Design	\$999,000	
2	Construction	\$1,000	
3	Total funding		\$1,000,000

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

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

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

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**Report Title:**

Irrigation; General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements to various irrigation systems. (SD1)

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