
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 authorize the issuance of
9 general obligation bonds to make capital improvements to the
10 State's irrigation systems.

11 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
12 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ 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 2017-2018
15 for the purpose of capital improvement projects for irrigation
16 systems.



1 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated in section 2 of this Act
2 shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the
3 purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital
5 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
6 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
7 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
8 unencumbered as of June 30, 2020, shall lapse as of that date.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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H.B. NO. 485

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.

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