
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE LOANS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 155-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definitions of "water infrastructure
3 charge", "water infrastructure equipment", and "water
4 infrastructure loans" and "loan program" to read as follows:
5 "Water infrastructure charge" means the on-bill charges
6 for the use and services of the loan program, including the
7 repayment of loans made under the loan program, to be imposed on
8 water utility customers[-] and water utilities.
9 "Water infrastructure equipment" means infrastructure
10 improvements, equipment, and personal property to be installed
11 for dams, reservoirs, hydroelectric pumping, storm water
12 reclamation, ditch maintenance, spillways, wells, water ducts,
13 and water distribution systems. The term includes water tanks.
14 "Water infrastructure loans" and "loan program" means the
15 program established by this part and loans made to finance the
16 purchase or installation of water infrastructure equipment for
17 dams, reservoirs, hydroelectric pumping, storm water



1 reclamation, ditch maintenance, spillways, wells, water ducts,
2 [~~and~~] water distribution systems [~~-~~], and water tanks."

3 SECTION 2. Section 155-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "~~[+]~~§155-32~~[+]~~ Hawaii water infrastructure loan program.

6 There is established a Hawaii water infrastructure loan program,
7 which shall be a loan program as defined under section 39-51.

8 The program shall be administered by the department in a manner
9 consistent with chapter 39, part III. This loan program may
10 include:

11 (1) Loans made, on terms approved by the department, to
12 [~~private~~]:

13 (A) Private entities, whether corporations,
14 partnerships, limited liability companies, or
15 other persons, which entities may lease or
16 provide water infrastructure equipment to utility
17 customers; and

18 (B) Water utilities; and

19 (2) Direct loans to utility customers, on terms approved
20 by the department."



1 SECTION 3. Section 155-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§155-33[+] Powers of the department. The department
4 shall have the following powers:

- 5 (1) Make loans and expend funds to finance the purchase or
6 installation of water infrastructure equipment for
7 dams, reservoirs, hydroelectric pumping, storm water
8 reclamation, ditch maintenance, spillways, wells,
9 water ducts, [~~and~~] water distribution systems [~~+~~], and
10 water tanks;
- 11 (2) Hold and invest moneys in the water infrastructure
12 special fund in investments as permitted by law;
- 13 (3) Hire employees necessary to perform its duties;
- 14 (4) Enter into contracts for the service of consultants
15 for rendering professional and technical assistance
16 and advice, and any other contracts that are necessary
17 and proper for the implementation of the loan program;
- 18 (5) Enter into contracts for the administration of the
19 loan program, in accordance with chapter 103D;
- 20 (6) Establish loan program guidelines to carry out the
21 purposes of this part;



- 1 (7) Perform all functions necessary to effectuate the
- 2 purposes of this part;
- 3 (8) Delegate authority to the chairperson of the board of
- 4 agriculture to approve loans where the requested
- 5 amount plus any principal balance on existing loans to
- 6 the applicant does not exceed \$25,000 of state funds;
- 7 and
- 8 (9) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the
- 9 purpose of this part."

10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Water Infrastructure Loans; Water Infrastructure Loan Program

Description:

Broadens the Water Infrastructure Loan Program to include loans made to water utilities. Amends the definition of "water infrastructure charge" to include on-bill charges to be imposed on water utilities and the definitions of "water infrastructure equipment", "water infrastructure loans", and "loan program" to include water tanks. (HB632 HD1)

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