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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 46-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "§46-50 Short term investment of county moneys. (a) The  
4 director of finance of each county may, with the approval of the  
5 legislative body, invest county moneys that are in excess of the  
6 amounts necessary for the meeting of immediate requirements when  
7 in the judgment of the legislative body the action will not  
8 impede or hamper the necessary financial operations of the  
9 county in:  
10           (1) Bonds or interest-bearing notes or obligations:  
11               (A) Of the county;  
12               (B) Of the State;  
13               (C) Of the United States; or  
14               (D) Of agencies of the United States for which the  
15               full faith and credit of the United States are  
16               pledged for the payment of principal and  
17               interest;



- 1 (2) Federal [~~land bank~~] Farm Credit System notes and  
2 bonds;
- 3 (3) [~~Joint stock farm loan bonds,~~] Federal Agricultural  
4 Mortgage Corporation notes and bonds;
- 5 (4) Federal Home Loan Bank notes and bonds;
- 6 (5) Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation bonds;
- 7 (6) Federal National Mortgage Association notes and bonds;
- 8 (7) Securities of a mutual fund whose portfolio is limited  
9 to bonds or securities issued or guaranteed by the  
10 United States or an agency thereof;
- 11 (8) Tennessee Valley Authority notes and bonds;
- 12 [~~(8)~~] (9) Repurchase agreements fully collateralized by any  
13 such bonds or securities;
- 14 [~~(9)~~] (10) [~~Bank~~] Federally insured savings accounts;
- 15 [~~(10)~~] (11) Time certificates of deposit;
- 16 [~~(11)~~] (12) Certificates of deposit open account;
- 17 [~~(12)~~] (13) Bonds of any improvement district of any county  
18 of the State; provided that the bonds are of  
19 investment grade or supported by the general  
20 obligation pledge of the county in which the  
21 improvement district is located;



1        [~~(13)~~] (14) Bank, savings and loan association, and  
2                    financial services loan company repurchase agreements;  
3        [~~(14)~~] (15) Student loan resource securities including:  
4                    (A) Student loan auction rate securities;  
5                    (B) Student loan asset-backed notes;  
6                    (C) Student loan program revenue notes and bonds; and  
7                    (D) Securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A of the  
8                    Securities Act of 1933, including any private  
9                    placement issues;  
10                   issued with either bond insurance or  
11                   overcollateralization guaranteed by the United States  
12                   Department of Education; provided all insurers  
13                   maintain a triple-A rating by Standard & Poor's,  
14                   Moody's, Duff & Phelps, Fitch, or any other major  
15                   national securities rating agency;  
16        [~~(15)~~] (16) Commercial paper with an A1/P1 or equivalent  
17                   rating by any national securities rating service;  
18                   [and]  
19        [~~(16)~~] (17) Bankers' acceptances with an A1/P1 or equivalent  
20                   rating by any national securities rating service; and



1       (18) Securities of a money market fund that is rated AAA,  
2       or its equivalent, by a nationally recognized rating  
3       agency or whose portfolio consists of securities that  
4       are rated as first tier securities by a nationally  
5       recognized statistical rating organization as provided  
6       in title 17 Code of Federal Regulations section  
7       270.2a-7;

8 provided the investments are due to mature not more than five  
9 years from the date of investment. The income derived therefrom  
10 shall be deposited in the fund or funds that the legislative  
11 body shall direct; provided that if any money invested under  
12 this section belongs to any waterworks fund, then any income  
13 derived therefrom shall be paid into and credited to the fund.

14       (b) Except with respect to an early withdrawal penalty on  
15 an investment permitted by this section, the amount of such  
16 penalty being mutually agreed at the time of acquisition of such  
17 investment, no investment permitted by this section shall  
18 require or may in the future require payments by the county,  
19 whether unilateral, reciprocal, or otherwise, including margin  
20 payments, or shall bear interest at a variable rate which causes  
21 or may cause the market price of such investment to fluctuate;



1 provided that such limitation shall not apply to money market  
2 mutual funds which:

3 (1) Invest solely in:

4 (A) Direct and general obligations of the United  
5 States of America; or

6 (B) Obligations of any agency or instrumentality of  
7 the United States of America, the payment of the  
8 principal and interest on which are  
9 unconditionally guaranteed by the full faith and  
10 credit of the United States of America;

11 (2) Are rated at the time of purchase "AAAm-G" or its  
12 equivalent by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group; and

13 (3) Are open-end management investment companies regulated  
14 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended,  
15 which calculate their current price per share pursuant  
16 to Rule 2a-7 (title 17 Code of Federal Regulations  
17 section 270.2a-7) promulgated under such act.

18 (c) Furthermore, a county shall not acquire any investment  
19 or enter into any agreement in connection with the acquisition  
20 of any investment or related to any existing investment held by  
21 the county, which would require or may in the future require any



1 payment by the county, whether unilateral, reciprocal, or  
2 otherwise, such as swap agreements, hedge agreements, or other  
3 similar agreements. For purposes of this subsection, payment  
4 for a swap agreement or hedge agreement means any payment made  
5 by the county in consideration or in exchange for a reciprocal  
6 payment by any person, including a variable rate payment in  
7 exchange for a fixed rate payment, a fixed rate payment in  
8 exchange for a variable rate payment, a payment when a cap or a  
9 floor amount is exceeded, or other similar payment."

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

County Administration; County Moneys; Short Term Investment

**Description:**

Allows the counties to make short term investments with similar authority as the state director of finance. Requires counties' investments in bonds of any improvement district to be of investment grade or supported by the general obligation pledge of the county in which the improvement district is located.

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