### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares that the
- 2 issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in
- 3 the public interest and for the public health, safety, and
- 4 general welfare.
- 5 SECTION 2. Pursuant to part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii
- 6 Revised Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
- 7 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
- 8 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$700,000,000, in
- 9 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Hawaiian
- 10 Electric Company, Inc., and including its subsidiaries Maui
- 11 Electric Company, Limited, and Hawaii Electric Light Company,
- 12 Inc., Hawaii corporations, for multi-project capital improvement
- 13 programs, including costs to cover the acquisition of land or
- 14 the construction or acquisition of facilities used or related to
- 15 the production, transmission, or distribution of electricity, or
- 16 any combination thereof; provided that the approval of the

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- 1 public utilities commission shall be required for any project
- 2 financed by the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under
- 3 this Act. The special purpose revenue bonds shall be issued for
- 4 the aforementioned purposes in the following distribution:
- 5 (1) Up to \$400,000,000 for Hawaiian Electric Company,
- 6 Inc.;
- 7 (2) Up to \$150,000,000 for Maui Electric Company, Limited;
- 8 and
- 9 (3) Up to \$150,000,000 for Hawaiian Electric Light
- 10 Company, Inc.
- 11 The legislature hereby finds and determines that the capital
- 12 improvement projects and programs of Hawaiian Electric Company,
- 13 Inc., and its subsidiaries Maui Electric Company, Limited, and
- 14 Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., constitute a project as
- 15 defined in part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
- 16 the financing thereof is assistance to utilities serving the
- 17 general public in providing electric energy.
- 18 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 19 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
- 20 shall be issued pursuant to part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 21 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue

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- 1 bonds to assist utilities serving the general public in
- 2 providing electric energy.
- 3 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
- 4 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to
- 5 June 30, 2024, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
- 6 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
- 7 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized
- 8 in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds
- 9 authorized in this section, regardless of whether the
- 10 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
- 11 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
- 12 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
- 13 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
- 14 section 2. In making this determination, the department shall
- 15 comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal
- 16 income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature
- 17 authorized by this section.
- 18 SECTION 5. The authorization to issue special purpose
- 19 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2024.
- 20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2100.

#### Report Title:

Special Purpose Revenue Bond; Hawaiian Electric Company

### Description:

Authorizes special purpose revenue bonds for Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries Maui Electric Company and Hawaii Electric Light Company for multi-project capital improvement programs. (HB1319 HD1)

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