A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST E OLA MAU NA LEO O KEKAHA.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that E Ola Mau Na Leo O
- 2 Kekaha proposes to obtain, remediate, and develop the old Kekaha
- 3 Sugar Mill from Kekaha MS, LLC, in Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii, to
- 4 create, among other things, a smart farming enterprise, tourist
- 5 and cultural center, community sunshine market, community
- 6 greenhouse, and community manufacturing and incubator facility.
- 7 Acquiring, remediating, and developing the property to provide
- 8 various services will address community and island-wide issues
- 9 relating to the preservation of a historic cultural site,
- 10 preservation of important agricultural endeavors, and
- 11 development and creation of diverse economic drivers on the west
- 12 side of Kauai that have significantly diminished in recent years
- 13 due to the closing of the Kekaha Sugar Mill.
- 14 The legislature additionally finds and declares that the
- 15 proposed acquisition, remediation, and development of the Kekaha
- 16 Sugar Mill through the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds

- 1 under this Act is in the public interest and will further public
- 2 health, safety, and general welfare.
- 3 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
- 4 special purpose revenue bonds to assist E Ola Mau Na Leo O
- 5 Kekaha with the financing, acquisition, remediation,
- 6 construction, and development of the old Kekaha Sugar Mill.
- 7 SECTION 2. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 8 Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
- 9 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
- 10 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$, in one
- 11 or more series, for the purpose of assisting E Ola Mau Na Leo O
- 12 Kekaha, a Hawaii domestic 501(c)(3) entity, in acquiring,
- 13 remediating, and developing the aforementioned project. The
- 14 legislature hereby finds and determines that E Ola Mau Na Leo O
- 15 Kekaha's financing, acquisition, remediation, construction, and
- 16 development of this project constitutes projects as defined in
- 17 part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the financing
- 18 thereof will provide assistance to an industrial enterprise.
- 19 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 20 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
- 21 shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised

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- 1 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
- 2 bonds to assist industrial enterprises.
- 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, 2050.

Report Title:

Special Purpose Revenue Bonds; E Ola Mau Na Leo O Kekaha; Kekaha Sugar Mill

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds (SPRB) to assist E Ola Mau Na Leo O Kekaha with the acquisition, remediation, and development of the old Kekaha Sugar Mill in Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii. (HB 1413 HD1)

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