
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The following positions are established
2 within the department of agriculture's agricultural resource
3 management division:
4 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) irrigation district
5 manager position (SR21);
6 (2) Three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) irrigation system
7 worker II positions (BC07); and
8 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) office assistant
9 III position (SR08).
10 (b) All rights, powers, functions, and duties relating to
11 the operational functions of the portions of the east Kauai
12 irrigation system operated and maintained by the east Kauai
13 water users' cooperative as of July 1, 2019, shall be
14 transferred to the department of agriculture until the adoption
15 of rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 completed or until the chairperson of the board of agriculture
17 determines that the system can be appropriately operated and



1 maintained pursuant to chapters 167 and 168, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes.

3 (c) Until the system is transferred to the appropriate
4 program, acreage assessment and water delivery fees shall not be
5 governed by chapter 167 or 168, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The
6 department of agriculture may contract with the east Kauai water
7 users' cooperative to bill and collect any fees and to enter
8 into any contracts necessary to operate and maintain the system
9 while positions are filled.

10 (d) The department of agriculture shall deposit into the
11 State's general fund all fees collected by the east Kauai water
12 users' cooperative pursuant to subsection (c).

13 (e) The three-year deadline given by the department of
14 land and natural resources to the east Kauai water users'
15 cooperative to obtain a streams diversion works permit may be
16 extended for no more than two years, until July 1, 2021;
17 provided that the applicant demonstrates significant progress in
18 the permit application process. For purposes of this
19 subsection, "significant progress" means that the applicant, at
20 minimum, has submitted a completed stream diversion works permit



1 application to the department of land and natural resources'
2 commission on water resource management.

3 SECTION 2. All appropriations, records, equipment,
4 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,
5 maps, and other property heretofore made, used, acquired, or
6 held by the east Kauai water users' cooperative relating to the
7 functions transferred to the department of agriculture shall be
8 transferred with the functions to which they relate and listed
9 and described in a full accounting to the department.

10 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
11 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
13 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2019-2020
14 for the purpose of assisting the agricultural resource
15 management division with plans, designs, land acquisition, and
16 equipment to increase state irrigation system capacity
17 statewide, including:

- 18 (1) \$ for planning;
- 19 (2) \$ for design;
- 20 (3) \$ for land acquisition; and
- 21 (4) \$ for equipment.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital
4 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
5 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
6 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
7 unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall lapse as of that date.

8 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
12 2020-2021 for the operations and maintenance of the east Kauai
13 irrigation system, including the following agricultural resource
14 management division staff salaries:

15 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) irrigation district
16 manager position (SR21) established pursuant to this
17 Act;

18 (2) Three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) irrigation system
19 worker II positions (BC07) established pursuant to
20 this Act;



- 1 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) office assistant
- 2 III position (SR08) established pursuant to this Act;
- 3 (4) Fifty per cent of the funding for the engineering
- 4 program manager position (EM07-PN: 40998), which shall
- 5 be transferred from the non-agricultural park lands
- 6 special fund to the general fund; and
- 7 (5) Fifty per cent of the funding for the agricultural
- 8 lands program manager position (EM05-PN: 122475),
- 9 which shall be transferred from the agricultural park
- 10 special fund to the general fund.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
12 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2150.



Report Title:

HDOA; East Kauai Irrigation System; Transfer of Operational Authority; Staffing; CIP; GO Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Transfers operational authority over portions of the East Kauai Irrigation System operated and maintained by the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative as of July 1, 2019, to the Department of Agriculture. Provides a conditional extension to acquire required permits. Establishes staffing positions. Authorizes general obligation bonds for a statewide irrigation system capital improvement project. Appropriates funds. (SB223 HD1)

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