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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE WAHIAWA IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Wahiawa  
2 irrigation system is a critical irrigation system providing  
3 water to farmers in Waialua and Haleiwa on the island of Oahu.  
4 Built by the Waialua Sugar Company, the Wahiawa irrigation  
5 system was created with a dam and freshwater reservoir fed by  
6 the north fork and south fork of the Kaukonahua stream. The dam  
7 is essential to agriculture as the water in the reservoir  
8 provides irrigation to farmers in Wahiawa, Waialua, and Haleiwa.

9           The legislature further finds that Dole Food Company has  
10 listed the irrigation system for sale for \$20,000,000. The  
11 system includes the Wahiawa reservoir, Wahiawa dam and spillway,  
12 and ditch system. It is the interest of the public for the  
13 State to acquire the Wahiawa irrigation system and preserve the  
14 system for public access and the agriculture industry.

15           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
16 agriculture and the agribusiness development corporation to  
17 acquire the Wahiawa irrigation system.



1 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
2 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$21,000,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
4 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2022-2023  
5 for the department of agriculture to purchase the fee simple  
6 interest in the Wahaiawa irrigation system, including the  
7 following parcels:

- 8 (1) TMK (1) 7-3-001-003;
- 9 (2) TMK (1) 7-3-001-019;
- 10 (3) TMK (1) 7-3-005-005;
- 11 (4) TMK (1) 7-3-006-023;
- 12 (5) TMK (1) 7-3-007-001;
- 13 (6) TMK (1) 7-3-008-001;
- 14 (7) TMK (1) 7-3-010-003;
- 15 (8) TMK (1) 7-3-011-003;
- 16 (9) TMK (1) 7-3-011-006;
- 17 (10) TMK (1) 7-3-011-007;
- 18 (11) TMK (1) 7-3-012-002;
- 19 (12) TMK (1) 7-3-012-006;
- 20 (13) TMK (1) 7-3-013-003;
- 21 (14) TMK (1) 7-4-001-003; and



1           (15)    TMK (1) 7-4-012-001;  
2    provided that the fee simple interest in the Wahiawa ditch shall  
3    be acquired by the agribusiness development corporation.

4           SECTION 3.   The appropriation made for the capital  
5    improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
6    the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
7    made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
8    unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date.

9           SECTION 4.   This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation;  
Wahiawa Irrigation System; Land Purchase; Bonds

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of bonds for the Department of  
Agriculture and Agribusiness Development Corporation to purchase  
the Wahiawa Irrigation System on the island of Oahu. Takes  
effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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