
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that reliable
2 agricultural infrastructure is the lifeline of Hawaii's
3 agriculture industry. To ensure that the State's crops receive
4 a steady and dependable supply of water, sufficient funding is
5 needed to maintain and improve Hawaii's irrigation systems.
6 Additionally, funding to develop agricultural land resources
7 provides much needed accessibility and support infrastructure to
8 allow local producers to become financially viable. Increasing
9 drought events, severe thunderstorms, flash flooding, wildfires,
10 and other crises have highlighted the need for timely repair and
11 maintenance of the State's agricultural infrastructure while
12 also developing new, innovative opportunities for growth in the
13 industry.

14 The purpose of this Act is to finance the repair and
15 maintenance of the State's agricultural infrastructure.

16 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
17 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$71,700,000 or so much



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1 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
 2 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2024-2025
 3 for the purpose of capital improvement projects as follows:

- 4 1. Waimanalo system improvements
 - 5 Total funding \$2,500,000
- 6 2. Kahuku agricultural park miscellaneous
 - 7 improvements
 - 8 Total funding \$3,500,000
- 9 3. Waimea irrigation system improvements
 - 10 Total funding \$4,500,000
- 11 4. Lower Hamakua ditch improvements
 - 12 Total funding \$4,500,000
- 13 5. Molokai irrigation system improvements
 - 14 Total funding \$2,000,000
- 15 6. Royal Kunia agricultural park
 - 16 improvements
 - 17 Total funding \$25,000,000
- 18 7. State irrigation system reservoir
 - 19 safety improvements
 - 20 Total funding \$23,000,000



1 8. Non-agricultural and agricultural park
 2 improvements
 3 Total funding \$2,000,000

4 9. Agricultural infrastructure
 5 improvements
 6 Total funding \$2,200,000

7 10. Honalo marshalling yard improvements
 8 Total funding \$2,500,000

9 SECTION 2. The sum appropriated in section 1 of this Act
 10 shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the
 11 purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
 13 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$284,281,426 or so much
 14 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
 15 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2024-2025
 16 for the purpose of capital improvement projects as follows:

17 1. Kekaha irrigation system improvements -
 18 Kekaha, Kauai
 19 Total funding \$6,470,000

20 2. Galbraith agricultural land
 21 improvements - Oahu



1	Total funding	\$500,000
2	3. Kekaha bridge - Kauai	
3	Total funding	\$2,500,000
4	4. Slaughterhouse facility - Oahu	
5	Total funding	\$4,000,000
6	5. Water and irrigation infrastructure -	
7	Oahu	
8	Total funding	\$4,500,000
9	6. Statewide food and product innovation	
10	network	
11	Total funding	\$9,500,000
12	7. Reclaimed wastewater system - Wahiawa,	
13	Oahu	
14	Total funding	\$178,000,000
15	8. Agricultural lands - Waialua, Oahu	
16	Total funding	\$9,100,000
17	9. Agricultural lands -Waimea, Kauai	
18	Total funding	\$1,300,000
19	10. Agricultural lands - Lihue, Kauai	
20	Total funding	\$64,000,000



1 11. Retirement of Waiahole water system

2 debt

3 Total funding \$4,411,426

4 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated in section 3 of this Act
5 shall be expended by the agribusiness development corporation
6 for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 5. The appropriations made for the capital
8 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
9 the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriations are
10 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
11 unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

Agricultural Infrastructure; General Obligation Bonds;
Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation;
Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for various agricultural infrastructure projects throughout the State.

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