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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KOHALA DITCH.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The department of agriculture shall  
2     conduct a feasibility study on the Kohala ditch system that  
3     includes due diligence, costs to repair and maintain, potential  
4     use for agritourism, and costs to more effectively transfer the  
5     water to increase agriculture production.

6           (b) The department of agriculture shall submit a report of  
7     its findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
8     legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
9     to the convening of the regular session of 2026.

10          SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of  
11     the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
12     Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
13     appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general  
14     fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
15     exceeded by \$                   , or                   per cent. The reason for  
16     exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling is that the



1 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public  
2 interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the  
6 department of agriculture to conduct the feasibility study  
7 required pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

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

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.



**Report Title:**

DOA; Kohala Ditch System; Feasibility Study; Report; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study on the Kohala Ditch System. Requires a report to the Legislature. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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