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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that reliable
3 agricultural infrastructure that supports the State's land and
4 water resources is the lifeline of Hawaii's agriculture
5 industry. Increasing drought events, rain bombs, wildfires, and
6 other crises have highlighted the need for the timely repair and
7 maintenance of the State's agricultural infrastructure.
8 Sufficient funding is necessary to maintain and improve the
9 State's irrigation systems to ensure that Hawaii's crops receive
10 a steady and dependable supply of water. Additionally, funding
11 to develop the infrastructure of agricultural lands would
12 provide not only access and other support for local producers to
13 become financially viable, but also new and innovative
14 opportunities to grow the agriculture industry in the State.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to appropriate
16 funds for capital improvement projects for the agricultural
17 infrastructure of the State.



1 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
2 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$342,070,000 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 2024-2025
5 for the purpose of financing capital improvement projects as
6 follows:

7 1. To be expended by the department of agriculture:

8 A. Agricultural Infrastructure, Statewide

9 Design and construction for

10 improvements to the agricultural

11 infrastructure of the State

12 Total funding \$2,200,000

13 B. Honalo Marshalling Yard, Hawaii

14 Design and construction for

15 improvements to Honalo Marshalling

16 Yard

17 Total funding \$2,500,000

18 C. Kahuku Agricultural Park, Oahu

19 Design and construction for

20 miscellaneous improvements to

21 Kahuku Agricultural Park



1	Total funding	\$3,500,000
2	D. Lower Hamakua Irrigation Ditch, Hawaii	
3	Design and construction for	
4	improvements to Lower Hamakua	
5	Irrigation Ditch	
6	Total funding	\$4,500,000
7	E. Molokai Irrigation System, Molokai	
8	Design and construction for	
9	improvements to Molokai Irrigation	
10	System	
11	Total funding	\$2,000,000
12	F. Non-agricultural and Agricultural Park Lands,	
13	Statewide	
14	Design and construction for	
15	improvements to non-agricultural	
16	and agricultural park lands	
17	Total funding	\$2,000,000
18	G. Royal Kunia Agricultural Park, Oahu	
19	Design and construction for	
20	improvements to Royal Kunia	
21	Agricultural Park	



1		Total funding	\$25,000,000
2	H.	State Irrigation Systems, Statewide	
3		Design and construction for	
4		reservoir safety improvements to	
5		state irrigation systems	
6		Total funding	\$23,000,000
7	I.	Waimanalo Irrigation System, Oahu	
8		Design and construction for	
9		improvements to Waimanalo	
10		Irrigation System	
11		Total funding	\$2,500,000
12	J.	Waimea Irrigation System, Oahu	
13		Design and construction for	
14		improvements to Waimea Irrigation	
15		System	
16		Total funding	\$4,500,000
17	2.	To be expended by the agribusiness development corporation:	
18	A.	Galbraith Agricultural Lands, Oahu	
19		Design and construction for	
20		improvements to Galbraith	
21		agricultural lands	



1	Total funding	\$500,000
2	B. Kekaha Bridge, Kauai	
3	Design and construction for	
4	improvements to Kekaha Bridge	
5	Total funding	\$2,500,000
6	C. Kekaha Irrigation System, Kauai	
7	Design and construction for	
8	improvements to Kekaha Irrigation	
9	System	
10	Total funding	\$6,470,000
11	D. Lihue Agricultural Lands, Kauai	
12	Design and construction for	
13	improvements to agricultural lands	
14	in Lihue	
15	Total funding	\$64,000,000
16	E. Slaughterhouse Facility, Oahu	
17	Design and construction for	
18	improvements to a slaughterhouse	
19	facility on Oahu	
20	Total funding	\$4,000,000
21	F. Wahiawa Reclaimed Water Irrigation System, Oahu	



1	Design and construction for	
2	improvements to Wahiawa Reclaimed	
3	Water Irrigation System	
4	Total funding	\$178,000,000
5	G. Waialua Agricultural Lands, Oahu	
6	Design and construction for	
7	improvements to agricultural lands	
8	in Waialua	
9	Total funding	\$9,100,000
10	H. Waimea Agricultural Lands, Kauai	
11	Design and construction for	
12	improvements to agricultural lands	
13	in Waimea	
14	Total funding	\$1,300,000
15	I. Water and Irrigation Infrastructure, Oahu	
16	Design and construction for	
17	improvements to the state water	
18	and irrigation infrastructure on	
19	Oahu	
20	Total funding	\$4,500,000



1 SECTION 3. The appropriations made for the capital
2 improvement projects authorized by this part shall not lapse at
3 the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriations are
4 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriations that are
5 unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date.

6 PART II

7 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
8 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
10 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
11 and this part will cause the state general fund expenditure
12 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
13 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
14 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
15 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this
16 part only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund
17 expenditure ceiling are that:

18 (1) The appropriation made in this part is necessary to
19 serve the public interest; and

20 (2) The appropriation made in this part meets the needs
21 addressed by this part.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,500,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
4 establishment, operation, and administration of a food and
5 product innovation network.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness
7 development corporation for the purposes of this part.

8 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,411,426 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
11 retirement of outstanding debt on the Waiahole water system.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness
13 development corporation for the purposes of this part.

14 PART III

15 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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S.B. NO. 2422

Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; CIP; Agricultural Infrastructure; GO Bonds; Food and Product Innovation Network; Waiahole Water System; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects per the agricultural infrastructure of the State, a food and product innovation network, and outstanding debt on the Waiahole water system. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

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