JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1286

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĂINA

June 6, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate, and Members of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 The Honorable Nadine Nakamura Speaker, and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 6, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1365, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. ACT 186

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Jósh Green, M.D. Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

Approved by the Governor

on____JUN 6 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 186 H.B. NO. ¹³⁶⁵ H.D. 2 S.D. 2 C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that access to affordable and reliable irrigation water is essential for sustainable agricultural viability. In the county of Hawaii, farmers incur great expense to pay for potable water from the county during the drier months of the year. By increasing the availability of non-potable water wells for agricultural uses, it would conserve the potable water supply for other purposes.

8 The purpose of this Act is to enhance irrigation water 9 access by appropriating funds to the department of agriculture 10 for a non-potable water wells pilot program to prepare an 11 environmental impact statement or environmental assessment for 12 the drilling of non-potable water wells in Panaewa, Hawaii.

13 SECTION 2. Any non-potable water well or improvement on 14 individual parcels at Panaewa agricultural park and Panaewa farm 15 lots, under the department of agriculture, that is completed 16 according to the environmental impact statement or environmental

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1 assessment under this Act shall revert back to the State upon 2 the lease expiration date. 3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 for a non-6 potable water wells pilot program to prepare an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment for the drilling of 7 non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa 8 9 agricultural park and Panaewa farm lots, under the department of 10 agriculture. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 11

12 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

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SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

H.B. NO. ¹³⁶⁵ H.D. 2 S.D. 2 C.D. 1

APPROVED this 6th day of June , 2025

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GOVÉRNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the

House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.

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Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita Chief Clerk House of Representatives

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President of the Sphare

Clerk of the Senate