

ACT 204

H.B. NO. 2576

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Water Resource Management Fund.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 174C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding to part I a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§174C- Water resource management fund.** (a) There is established in the department a special fund to be designated as the water resource management fund. The fund shall be administered by the commission. The water resource management fund shall be used for the following:

- (1) Monitoring programs and activities concerning water resource quality, protection, and management;
- (2) Research programs and activities concerning water conservation and investigation of alternative sources of water;
- (3) Preparation and dissemination of information to the public concerning activities authorized under this chapter;

- (4) Data collection, development, and updating of long-range planning documents authorized under this chapter; and
- (5) Any other protection, management, operational, or maintenance functions authorized and deemed necessary by the commission, including but not limited to funding permanent or temporary staff positions.
- (b) The following shall be deposited into the water resource management fund:
- (1) Appropriations by the legislature to the water resource management fund;
  - (2) All fees and administrative charges collected under this chapter or any rule adopted thereunder;
  - (3) Moneys collected as fines or penalties imposed under this chapter or any rule adopted thereunder;
  - (4) Moneys derived from public and private sources to benefit water resource protection and management;
  - (5) Any moneys collected from the sale of retail items by the department related to water resources;
  - (6) Any other moneys collected pursuant to chapter 174C; and
  - (7) Moneys derived from interest, dividend, or other income from the above sources.”

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the water resource management fund the sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2000-2001, to be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of the water resource management fund.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2000.

(Approved June 14, 2000.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.