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S.B. NO. 254

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the subdivision in the Puukapu Homesteads, Second Series, Puukapu, South Kohala, Island of Hawaii, is facing a serious safety problem. The subdivision is made up of fourteen two-acre lots. Seven lots are located on the north side of the Waimea irrigation system that runs through the subdivision. People residing on those lots use a wooden bridge to reach their property. The bridge was built on the Waimea irrigation system land and over the ditch decades ago by private individuals and is in serious disrepair. Because there is no other access for vehicular traffic, the residents continue using the bridge, creating a serious safety concern. Accordingly, the legislature finds that it is in the public interest to demolish the existing bridge and build a new bridge.

The purpose of this Act is to amend an existing appropriation of capital improvement funds to provide for the demolition of the bridge in the Puukapu Homesteads, Second Series, Puukapu, South Kohala, Island of Hawaii, and the construction of a new bridge.

SECTION 3. Act 259, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, as amended by Act 3, Third Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, and by Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, is amended by amending item A-4C of AGR 141 in section 91 to read as follows for fiscal year 2002-2003 (dollar amounts in thousands):

"4C. AGRICULTURAL WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, STATEWIDE

PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WATER RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING AGRICULTURAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE[;] AND APPURTENANT WORKS STATEWIDE. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

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SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2003. (Approved July 2, 2003.)