
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Amfac Sugar Company announced in 2001 that it
2 was ceasing operation of its ditch system, comprised of
3 twenty-two miles of ditch and three reservoirs serving two
4 thousand acres of land in Kapaa, Kauai. In March 2002, the East
5 Kauai Water Users' Cooperative (Cooperative) received a
6 revocable permit to operate this state-owned east Kauai
7 irrigation system. Since then, the system has provided a number
8 of benefits, including providing water to the ferns in Fern
9 Grotto, which, prior to the involvement of the Cooperative, did
10 not receive sufficient water. The continued health of the
11 Wailua reservoir, which is part of the system, will also greatly
12 assist the State's plans for a public fishing area, campground,
13 and educational center for children in the area.

14 The Cooperative is now faced with a problem of funding
15 ongoing operations and maintenance of the system. Income from
16 user fees is insufficient to pay for normal operation and
17 maintenance expenses. The legislature finds that reliable



1 irrigation water is critical for the survival of agricultural
2 crops in the Kapaa area.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
4 continued operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation
5 system.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
10 year 2012-2013 for the operation and maintenance of the east
11 Kauai irrigation system by the East Kauai Water Users'
12 Cooperative; provided that the sum appropriated shall not
13 supplant any other moneys appropriated to the East Kauai Water
14 Users' Cooperative for fiscal year 2011-2012 and fiscal year
15 2012-2013.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness
17 development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

East Kauai Irrigation System; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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