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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Lake Wilson, Hawaii's largest reservoir, could  
2 potentially provide the water needed for the North Shore's  
3 agricultural expansion. However, the inflow of treated  
4 effluence into the lake has led to poor water quality and  
5 limited agricultural production on the North Shore. Improving  
6 the water quality in the lake would allow not only the expansion  
7 of agricultural production, but greater recreational use of the  
8 lake. The legislature finds that the importance of the  
9 agricultural industry in the area affected by Lake Wilson makes  
10 this issue a matter of statewide significance.

11           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
12 land and natural resources to develop a plan for the improvement  
13 of the water quality in Lake Wilson.

14           SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources  
15 shall develop an agricultural use development plan to assess  
16 potential methods of improving the water quality of Lake Wilson.  
17 Specifically, the agricultural use development plan shall  
18 explore:



- 1 (1) Diverting all effluence from the city and county of
- 2 Honolulu, Wahiawa, and the military to reservoirs that
- 3 will serve as storage reservoirs;
- 4 (2) Specific areas that may serve as storage reservoirs;
- 5 and
- 6 (3) Defining the roles of the city and county of Honolulu,
- 7 the military, landowners in the area, and potential
- 8 farmers.

9 The department of land and natural resources shall submit a  
10 report of the department's findings and recommendations,  
11 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
12 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
13 of 2012.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the  
17 purposes of this Act.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
19 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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**Report Title:**

Agriculture; Lake Wilson; Water Quality; Assessment; Report

**Description:**

Requires the department of land and natural resources to develop a plan for the improvement of the water quality in Lake Wilson. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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