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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING A GRANT-IN-AID APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTIES TO FINANCE
DROUGHT MITIGATION PROJECTS AND MEASURES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a viable agriculture
2 industry requires a steady, reliable supply of water. However,
3 drought conditions continue to adversely affect local farms and
4 ranches, hampering their ability to produce quality products on
5 a consistent basis throughout the year.

6 The legislature finds that to address the harmful impact of
7 droughts, mitigation measures in the Hawaii drought plan must be
8 implemented. The goal of the Hawaii drought plan is to develop
9 coordinated emergency response mechanisms and to outline steps
10 toward mitigating the effects of future droughts. The Hawaii
11 drought plan provides clear policies and directs responsible
12 agencies to implement immediate, short-term, and long-term
13 response measures to mitigate the impact of droughts.

14 The legislature also finds that in 2004, county drought
15 committees were formed for each of the four counties in Hawaii.
16 Each of the county drought committees developed a drought
17 mitigation strategy for its respective county, emphasizing



1 drought mitigation projects. These county drought mitigation
2 strategies represent the local needs and concerns of each county
3 and are incorporated by reference into the Hawaii drought plan.

4 The legislature further finds that to adequately implement
5 the Hawaii drought plan, sufficient funding for the counties is
6 necessary to address the many challenges that our agriculture
7 industry faces in preparing for droughts.

8 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to pursue
9 drought mitigation projects and measures in each county of the
10 state.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for a
14 grant-in-aid to the counties for agricultural drought mitigation
15 plans, measures, and projects, to be allocated as follows:

16	County of Hawaii	\$
17	County of Kauai	\$
18	County of Maui	\$
19	City and county of Honolulu	\$
20	Total	\$4,000,000

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the appropriate
22 county department of the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai and



1 the city and county of Honolulu; provided that funds
 2 appropriated under this Act shall not be made available to a
 3 county unless the county coordinates its drought mitigation
 4 activities with the department of land and natural resources.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Drought Mitigation; Appropriation

Description:

Makes a grant-in aid to the counties for drought mitigation purposes.

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