
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER ROYALTIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to assure the
2 ongoing and future development of water systems in the State by
3 providing a source of funding for the development, repair,
4 maintenance, and replacement of water system infrastructure.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 174, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
7 to read as follows:

8 "PART . STATE AQUIFER WATER ROYALTY

9 §174- State aquifer water royalty. (a) Each entity
10 that removes water from an aquifer in the State shall be
11 assessed a state aquifer water royalty of \$1 for every one
12 thousand gallons.

13 (b) The department of accounting and general services
14 shall assess, levy, and collect the fees assessed pursuant to
15 subsection (a), and the fee revenues shall be deposited into a
16 separate account within the state general fund to be allocated
17 for the development, repair, maintenance, and replacement of
18 water system infrastructure.



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1 (c) Moneys in the separate account established under
 2 subsection (b) shall be appropriated by the legislature, upon
 3 application of a board, to defray costs associated with water
 4 system infrastructure development, repair, maintenance, and
 5 replacement projects.

6 (d) Any entity assessed a fee pursuant to subsection (a)
 7 may pass the fee cost to end-users, without regard to section
 8 269-16."

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Water; State Aquifer Royalty

Description:

Assesses \$1 royalty for every 1000 gallons pumped from the State's aquifers. Dedicates revenues to offset water system project costs.

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