



GOV. MSG. NO. **1009**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2007, the following bill was signed into law:

HB400 HD1 SD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
(ACT 238)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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 our farms and
4 ranches, hampering our ability to produce quality products on a
5 consistent basis throughout the year.

6 The legislature believes that to address the harmful impact
7 of droughts, mitigation measures laid out in the Hawaii drought
8 plan must be implemented. The goal of the Hawaii drought plan
9 is to develop coordinated emergency response mechanisms while at
10 the same time outlining steps toward mitigating the effects of
11 future drought occurrences. The Hawaii drought plan provides
12 clear policies and specifies response entities to implement
13 immediate, short-term and long-term response measures to
14 mitigate the impact of droughts.

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



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 implement the Hawaii
5 drought plan adequately, sufficient funding to 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 2007-2008 for
14 drought mitigation projects and measures in each county of the
15 state.

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

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007

APPROVED this 30 day of JUN, 2007



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

