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# S. 1694

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 1999

Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Hawaii Water Re-  
5       sources Reclamation Act of 1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

8               (1) the Act of August 23, 1954 (68 Stat. 773,  
9       chapter 838) authorized the Secretary of the Inte-

rior to investigate the use of irrigation and reclamation resource needs for areas of the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, and Molokai in the State of Hawaii;

(2) section 31 of the Hawaii Omnibus Act (43 U.S.C. 422*l*) authorizes the Secretary to develop reclamation projects in the State under the Act of August 6, 1956 (70 Stat. 1044, chapter 972; 42 U.S.C. 422a et seq.) (commonly known as the “Small Reclamation Projects Act”);

(3) the amendment made by section 207 of the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act (109 Stat. 364; 25 U.S.C. 386a) authorizes the Secretary to assess charges against Native Hawaiians for reclamation cost recovery in the same manner as charges are assessed against Indians or Indian tribes;

(4) there is a continuing need to manage, develop, and protect water and water-related resources in the State; and

(5) the Secretary should undertake studies to assess needs for the reclamation of water resources in the State.

**SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

1           (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2       the Secretary of the Interior.

3           (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
4       of Hawaii.

5   **SEC. 4. WATER RESOURCES RECLAMATION STUDY.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the  
7   Commissioner of Reclamation, shall conduct a study that  
8   includes—

9           (1) a survey of irrigation and water delivery  
10       systems in the State;

11          (2) an estimation of the cost of repair and reha-  
12       bilitation of the irrigation and water delivery sys-  
13       tems;

14          (3) an evaluation of options for future use of  
15       the irrigation and water delivery systems (including  
16       alternatives that would improve the use and con-  
17       servation of water resources); and

18          (4) the identification and investigation of other  
19       opportunities for reclamation and reuse of water and  
20       wastewater for agricultural and nonagricultural pur-  
21       poses.

22       (b) REPORTS.—

23           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
24       the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
25       shall submit a report that describes the findings and

1 recommendations of the study described in sub-  
2 section (a) to—

3 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
4 Resources of the Senate; and

5 (B) the Committee on Resources of the  
6 House of Representatives.

7 (2) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—The Secretary  
8 shall submit to the Committees described in para-  
9 graph (1) any additional reports concerning the  
10 study described in subsection (a) that the Secretary  
11 considers to be necessary.

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
13 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-  
14 essary to carry out this section.

15 **SEC. 5. WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE.**

16 Section 1602(b) of the Reclamation Wastewater and  
17 Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (43 U.S.C.  
18 390h(b)) is amended by inserting before the period at the  
19 end the following: “, and the State of Hawaii”.

20 **SEC. 6. DROUGHT RELIEF.**

21 Section 104 of the Reclamation States Emergency  
22 Drought Relief Act of 1991 (43 U.S.C. 2214) is  
23 amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by inserting after “Rec-  
2       lamation State” the following: “and in the State of  
3       Hawaii”; and

4           (2) in subsection (c), by striking “ten years  
5       after the date of enactment of this Act” and insert-  
6       ing “on September 30, 2005”.

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