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Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the reclamation and reuse of water and wastewater in the State of Hawaii.

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 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Act of August 23, 1954 (68 Stat. 773,
4 chapter 838) authorized the Secretary of the Inte-
5 rior to investigate the use of irrigation and reclama-
6 tion resource needs for areas of the islands of Oahu,
7 Hawaii, and Molokai in the State of Hawaii;

8 (2) section 31 of the Hawaii Omnibus Act (43
9 U.S.C. 422*l*) authorizes the Secretary to develop rec-
10 lamation projects in the State under the Act of Au-
11 gust 6, 1956 (70 Stat. 1044, chapter 972; 42 U.S.C.
12 422a et seq.) (commonly known as the “Small Rec-
13 lamation Projects Act”);

14 (3) the amendment made by section 207 of the
15 Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act (109 Stat.
16 364; 25 U.S.C. 386a) authorizes the Secretary to
17 assess charges against Native Hawaiians for rec-
18 lamation cost recovery in the same manner as
19 charges are assessed against Indians or Indian
20 tribes;

21 (4) there is a continuing need to manage, de-
22 velop, and protect water and water-related resources
23 in the State; and

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

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

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

5 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
6 of Hawaii.

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

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

11 (1) a survey of irrigation and water delivery
12 systems in the State;

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

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

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

24 (b) REPORTS.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
26 appropriation of funds authorized by this Act, the

1 Secretary shall submit a report that describes the
 2 findings and recommendations of the study de-
 3 scribed in subsection (a) to—

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **SEC. 6. DROUGHT RELIEF.**

22 Section 104 of the Reclamation States Emergency
 23 Drought Relief Act of 1991 (43 U.S.C. 2214) is
 24 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”.

Passed the Senate April 13, 2000.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.