

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2147  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2147 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DROUGHT MITIGATING WATER STORAGE FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to mitigate the effects of drought on agricultural operations and the state economy by extending the expiration date for the drought mitigating water storage facility income tax credit.

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Maui County Farm Bureau, Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii, Meadow Gold Dairies, and C&H Farms testified in support of this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Taxation and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

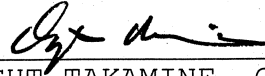
Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2147, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2147, H.D. 1.

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Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



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DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



