

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2177

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2177 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII,  
SECTION 12, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote agricultural development in Hawaii by proposing a constitutional amendment that authorizes the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist agricultural businesses operating on important agricultural land.

The Department of Agriculture, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, and Maui Land and Pineapple Company, Inc., supported the intent of this bill. The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, Hanalei Watershed Hui, and Earthjustice opposed this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2177 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



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

*Felipe P. Abinsay, Jr.*

FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair



