

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2271
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. 2271, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the authority of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) regarding agricultural public lands (that are not agricultural park lands) that were transferred to DOA by the Department of Land and Natural Resources by authorizing DOA, subject to certain restrictions, to:

- (1) Directly dispose of public lands for agricultural or aquacultural purposes;
- (2) Plan, develop, and manage certain non-agricultural park lands; and
- (3) Negotiate leases for agricultural purposes,

without the prior approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Further, this bill:

- (1) Requires the Board of Agriculture to establish eligibility requirements for each disposition; and



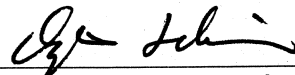
- (2) Sets forth the rights and responsibilities of an institutional lender that holds a security interest in leased non-agricultural park lands under the jurisdiction of DOA.

The Department of Agriculture (DOA) and the Hawaii Farm Bureau testified in support of this measure.

While your Committee wishes to show its support of DOA with the passage of this Administration measure, your Committee would also like to note that transfer of agricultural leases, mandated by Act 90, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, has been a slow and tedious process. Your Committee also understands that much work needs to be done to carry out the process of transferring agricultural leases from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to DOA, but urges DOA to move expeditiously so it may effectively manage those leases as provided for in this measure.

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. 2271, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



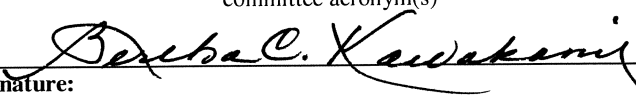
DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2271 HD1		Date: 2-28-06		
Committee Referral: WLO/AGR, JUD, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
2. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C. (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CHONG, Pono	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
7. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
10. TANAKA, Kameo	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MEYER, Colleen Rose	✓			
16. MOSES, Mark S.	✓			
17. PINE, Kymberly	✓			
18. STEVENS, Anne V.				✓
TOTAL	17			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
 Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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