

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2272

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. 2272 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist farmers by increasing from \$25,000 to \$75,000, the amount of agricultural and aquacultural loans that can be approved by the chairperson of the Department of Agriculture (DOA).

DOA, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Aquaculture Association, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Meadow Gold Dairies, and C&H Farms testified in support of 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. 2272 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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

Felipe P. Abinsay, Jr.

FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair



