

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2573

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2573 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen watershed
management efforts in the State through a pilot program.

Specifically, this bill designates the Kaiaka Bay watershed
on Oahu as the site for a pilot watershed and action plan that may
serve as a model for statewide use. This bill also appropriates
\$200,000 to the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa for this
undertaking.

The University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical
Agriculture and Human Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,
Resource Management Systems, LLC, Haleiwa Community Gardens
Association, a University of Hawaii professor, and residents of
Waialua testified in support of this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report,
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.
No. 2573 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on
Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



