

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2842
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 Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2842 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTING AND MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION SYSTEMS ON THE NORTH SHORE OF THE ISLAND OF OAHU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide a stable source of water for agricultural operations on the North Shore of Oahu by authorizing the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Kamehameha Schools with agricultural infrastructure improvements, including the construction, repair, and improvement of the Wahiawa reservoir system irrigation facilities.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Kamehameha Schools, Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supported this measure with amendments. The Agribusiness Development Corporation and Hawaii Agriculture Research Center supported the intent of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.



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. 2842, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2842, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

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FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair



