

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2870

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. 2870 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE AGRICULTURAL WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide for more efficient agricultural use of scarce water resources by appropriating \$1,000,000 for the State Agricultural Water Use and Development Plan.

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Kauai Coffee Company, Inc., Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, C&H Farms, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and Maui County Farm Bureau supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this bill. Earthjustice opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources submitted comments.

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. 2870 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



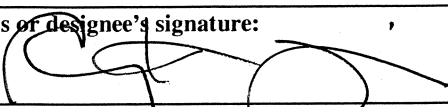
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,

Felipe P. Abinsay, Jr.

FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2870		Date: 2/15/06		
Committee Referral: AGR, 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				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ABINSAY, Felipe P., Jr. (C)	✓			
2. TSUJI, Clift (VC)	✓			
3. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
4. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
5. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki	✓			
6. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
7. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
9. HALFORD, Chris	✓			
10. STONEBRAKER, Bud				✓
TOTAL	8			2
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: 				
Distribution: Original (White) – Committee Duplicate (Yellow) – Clerk's Office				