

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3495

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 7 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2179  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 2

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2179, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish an irrigation repair and maintenance special fund and an irrigation repair and maintenance special fund tax credit.

The measure also authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to be deposited into the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund, makes an appropriation for the repair and maintenance of various irrigation systems across the State, and makes an appropriation to the Board of Agriculture for the operations, management, and administrative costs incurred with carrying out the provisions of this measure.

Your Committee finds that farmers across the State depend on various irrigation systems for water to irrigate their crops. The survival of the agricultural industry in Hawaii is dependent on sound, dependable, and functional irrigation systems.

This measure provides the financial means to ensure the proper operation and maintenance of state irrigation systems.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

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- (1) Changing all dollar amount references to \$1 to foster continuing discussion on this matter; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2179, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2179, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,




BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Ways and Means  
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2179 HD2 SD1	WLA, WAM	4/3/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
SLOM, Sam			/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon				/
TOTAL	13	0	1	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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