

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 180  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 180, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO SEEK FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE IRRIGATION REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Agriculture and the Agribusiness Development Corporation to aggressively pursue federal funds for the repair and maintenance of irrigation systems that support agricultural production.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Mayor of the County of Maui, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Meadow Gold Dairies, and the Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Department of Agriculture. Comments on the measure were also submitted by the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

The Legislature is in the process of establishing the Irrigation Repair and Maintenance Special Fund to be administered by the Board of Agriculture, in conjunction with the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Many of the irrigation systems used and maintained for agricultural production have fallen into disrepair for lack of proper maintenance. The purpose of the special fund



is to provide for repair and maintenance of private and public irrigation systems used for agricultural production.

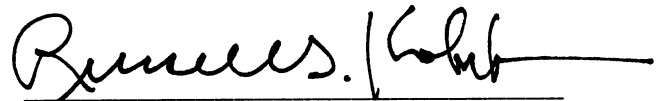
Your Committee finds that the Board of Agriculture and the Agricultural Development Corporation should aggressively seek federal money as matching funds that the State will deposit into the Special Fund to repair and maintain irrigation systems that support agricultural production. Accordingly, this measure requests the Board of Agriculture and the Agricultural Development Corporation to seek that type of federal support.

Your Committee notes concerns from the Department of Agriculture that this measure sets up an unrealistic expectation that public funds will be available to address the repair and maintenance of privately owned agricultural irrigation systems. The Department of Agriculture further mentioned concerns regarding the need for the federal government to provide specific sums of money in order for the State to transfer the sums it intends to appropriate.

However, your Committee emphasizes that this measure does not contain any mention of money amounts or conditions of how or when state money will be transferred. This measure marks the initiation of the concept of the fund, and the absence of specific monetary amounts was excluded on purpose to accentuate the team effort needed to receive federal funding.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 180, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land, and  
Agriculture,

  
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RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Third Legislature  
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Record of Votes of the  
 Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture  
 (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>HCR 180 HDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WCA</i>	Date: <i>4/21/06</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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