

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2482
S.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 S.B. No. 2482 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to create a master plan for a one hundred and fifty-acre parcel of land in Royal Kunia on the island of Oahu.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Agriculture, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center.

Your Committee finds that a one hundred and fifty acre parcel of land in Kunia was donated to the State pursuant to an agreement between the Land Use Commission, the developer, and the landowner in exchange for the reclassification of the former Oahu Sugar Plantation lands for urban use. Your Committee further finds that the donated land is to be used as a buffer between mauka agricultural uses and makai urban uses in order to stop the advancement of residential properties in the Pearl Harbor Saddle area. Your Committee determines that a master plan for the land is necessary in order to maximize the utilization of the land as an agricultural park, including by subdividing the land, creating farming opportunities, and ensuring that the necessary infrastructure is established.

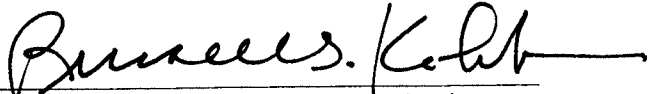
Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Removing the \$250,000 appropriation amount;
- (2) Inserting a blank appropriation amount to allow further discussion and clarification on the amount of funds necessary for the creation of the master plan; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity and style.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2482, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2482, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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


RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



