

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2753
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2753 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system.

Your Committee finds that after Amfac Sugar Company ceased operating the east Kauai irrigation system in 2001, the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative was formed to continue operations of the state-owned system. The system provides water for a variety of purposes, including farmers in the Kapaa area, the Fern Grotto, a popular tourist destination, and the Wailua reservoir, which feeds water into public fishing areas, campgrounds and an educational center for children. Despite user fees charged to system patrons, the system is in need of financial assistance.

This bill would provide the necessary funds to assist the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative to operate and maintain the system for the benefit of the Kauai community.

Your Committee has amended the bill by:

- (1) Making the Agribusiness Development Corporation the expending agency;



- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount for the purpose of furthering discussions; and
- (3) Making technical 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 S.B. No. 2753, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2753, S.D. 1.

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

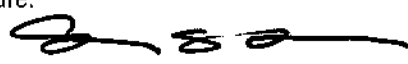


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

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

Measure:* SB 2753	Committee Referral: WLA, WAM	Date: 2/27/06		
<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.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
TOTAL	14	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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