

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2954
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 S.B. No. 2954, 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 promote the repair and maintenance of irrigation systems throughout the State. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund;
- (2) Provides grants from the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund to private irrigation system owners who provide matching funds equal to the amount received from the special fund; provided that the lands served by the irrigation system is dedicated to diversified agriculture;
- (3) Defines "diversified agriculture";
- (4) Provides an income tax credit equal to the amount that the irrigation system owner provided in obtaining funding from the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund;
- (5) Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$30,000,000 and



appropriates the same amount to be deposited into the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund; provided that \$50,000,000 in federal matching funds are also deposited into the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund;

- (6) Makes an appropriation out of the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund in the sum of \$80,000,000 for repair and maintenance of irrigation systems; and
- (7) Makes appropriations out of the general fund in the sum of \$11,886,000 for repair and maintenance of certain irrigation systems and an unspecified sum for the administrative costs of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount of the general obligation bond issue and the various appropriations in this measure to an unspecified amount to facilitate further discussion on these matters; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for clarity and consistency.

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. 2954, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2954, 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:* SB 2954 SD1	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.	/			
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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