

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 16

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3079
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. 3079 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the administration of agricultural leases from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by C&H Farms. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Department of Agriculture, ADC, DLNR, the Big Island Farm Bureau, the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, and the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that ADC is a unique government entity that can optimize the use of agricultural assets for the economic, environmental, and social benefit of the State. This measure utilizes these unique abilities by transferring the administration of agricultural leases from DLNR to ADC.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting the effective date of "January 1, 2060" to ensure further discussions on this measure; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for consistency 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. 3079, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3079, 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,

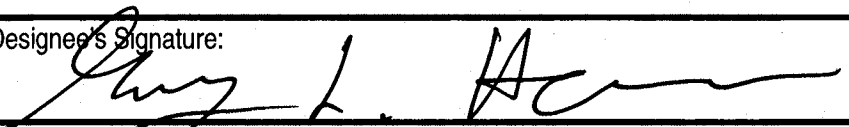


RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>SB3079</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WCA, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/13/06</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 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
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.