

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

560

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 715
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 715 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE ON LANAI,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support the development of agriculture on Lanai by appropriating funds for the purchase of water by Lanai farmers for agricultural use.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture (DOA) supported the intent of this bill but expressed concerns.

Your Committees note that concerns were raised during the public hearing regarding whether the funds will be made available to those in the 100 acre agricultural park, as referenced in the purpose section, or anywhere on Lanai. In addition, it was unclear as to who qualifies as a "farmer" and the amount of the match offered by Lanai Water Company, as described in the purpose section. Your Committees support future legislative efforts to address these issues.

HB715 HD1 HSCR AGR-WLH HMS 2007-2328

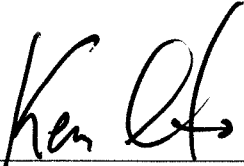


Your Committees have amended this measure by:

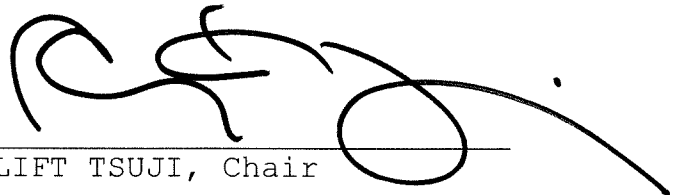
- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050 to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 715, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 715, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Water, Land, Ocean Resources &
Hawaiian Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair

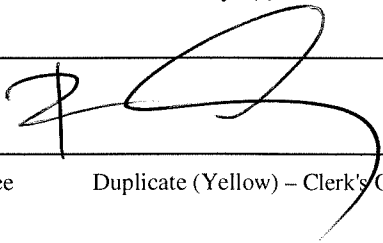


CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 715		Date: 2/9/07		
Committee Referral: AGR/WLH, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
WLH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)	X			
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	X			
3. CARROLL, Mele				Y
4. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	X			
5. MORITA, Hermina M.				X
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	X			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				X
8. THIELEN, Cynthia	X			
TOTAL	5			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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