

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2007

RE: H.B. No. 399
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 399, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist in the development
of conservation plans by appropriating funds to the Hawaii
Association of Conservation Districts for its operating expenses
for all of its soil and water conservation districts.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of
Agriculture, the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, the Hawaii
Crop Improvement Association, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation,
the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts, the Maui County
Farm Bureau, the Kona Soil and Water Conservation District, the
Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District, the Hamakua Soil
and Water Conservation District, the Windward Soil and Water
Conservation District, and one individual.

The purpose of the Soil and Water Conservation District
program is to educate, construct, maintain, and assist in the
development of conservation plans to protect soil and water
resources. Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Association of
Conservation Districts is under funded to carryout the tremendous
and important functions all sixteen of the Soil and Water
Conservation Districts serve to the agricultural industry in

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Hawaii. An increase in funding will enable the Soil and Water Conservation Districts to each cover their existing operating expenses and additional costs associated with increased liability and regulatory requirements.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the blank appropriation amount and adding an appropriation amount of \$500,000; and
- (2) Changing the effective date of this measure from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2007.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 399, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 399, H.D. 1, 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,
Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs,




RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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HB 399 HD1	WAH, WAM	03/14/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	X			
HEE, Clayton				X
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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