

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1094

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 S.B. No. 1094 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the use of the Land Conservation Fund for the acquisition of agricultural easements and for the payment of debt service on bonds issued for acquisitions using the fund.

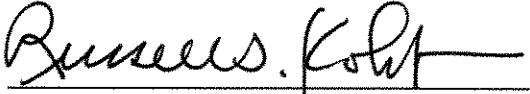
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center.

Your Committee finds that this measure broadens the type of public purpose that the Land Conservation Fund can be used for and specifies agricultural easements as an appropriate means to acquire interests or rights in agricultural land. Allowing the purchase of agricultural conservation easements is a tool that may encourage more landowners to consider this program and keep important agricultural lands in production, rather than allowing them to be converted to suburban or high density areas.

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 S.B. No. 1094 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>S.B. 1094</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WAH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/12/07</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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HEE, Clayton	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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