

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2503  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2503 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to permit the use of lands in agricultural land use districts for agricultural-energy facilities when the production, storage, and distribution of renewable energy are integrated with an agricultural activity.

The Maui County Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, and Hawaii Electric Light Company testified in support of this bill. Pacific West Energy LLC supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Life of the Land, and the University of Hawaii Environmental Center provided comments.

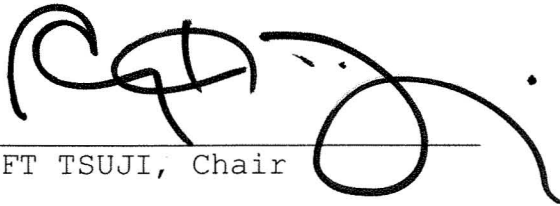
Your Committees have amended this bill by:

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

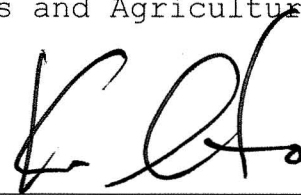


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2503, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2503, H.D. 1.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



KEN ITO, Chair





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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 760-08

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2503	Committee Referral: EEP, WLH/AGR	Date: 2/20/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.		/		
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	/			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
6. HERKES, Robert N.	/			
7. MANAHAN, Joey	/			
8. WAKAI, Glenn				/
9. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.	/			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose		/		
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	9	2	∅	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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