

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2594

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2594 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IRRIGATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve Hawaii's agricultural infrastructure by:

- (1) Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds with resulting funds to be deposited into the Irrigation Repair and Maintenance Special Fund (Special Fund);
- (2) Appropriating funds out of the Special Fund for certain irrigation systems and for additional personnel needed to assist in irrigation system maintenance.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Maui County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, and the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture supported this bill and suggested amendments. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Agribusiness Development Corporation supported the intent of this measure.

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

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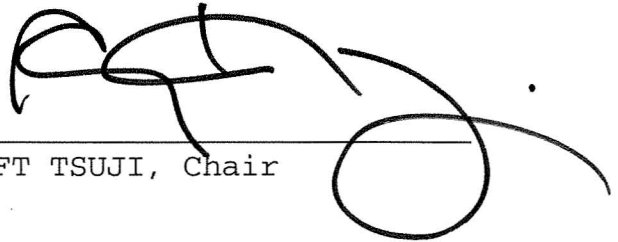


are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2594 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2594	Committee Referral: AGR/WLH, FIN	Date: 01/30/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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	/			
TOTAL (12)	12	∅	∅	∅
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: <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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