

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2639
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2639, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOANS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND
AQUACULTURE PURPOSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve efforts to assist aquacultural businesses and streamline the aquaculture loan program by, among other things:

- (1) Establishing class E loans for new aquaculturists;
- (2) Raising the loan ceilings on class A and class B aquaculture loans to \$800,000;
- (3) Conforming aquaculture loan program requirements more closely to those of the agriculture loan program by allowing a qualified aquaculturalist to obtain a loan under the program if two, instead of three, lenders deny credit;
- (4) Repealing the Aquaculture Loan Revolving Fund and making the Agricultural Loan Revolving Fund the funding source for aquacultural loans; and



- (5) Requiring the Director of Finance to increase the budget expenditure ceiling of the Agricultural Loan Revolving Fund by the amount of the budget expenditure ceiling of the Aquaculture Loan Revolving Fund.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Aquaculture Association, Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, and Hawaiian Marine Enterprises supported this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2639, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,


CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 1152.08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2639, SD 1	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 3/12/08		
<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)	9	0	0	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: <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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