

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1877
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 S.B. No. 1877 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this short form measure is to amend the law relating to important agricultural lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by replacing its contents with language that:

- (1) Exempts owners of real property designated as important agricultural lands from paying real property taxes, and makes an appropriation to the counties to offset any revenues lost as a result of exempting land owners of important agricultural lands from real property taxation; and
- (2) Allows farmers to develop, construct, and maintain dwelling units for farmers, employees, and their families on lands designated as important agricultural lands; provided that the farmer complies with certain conditions.

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. 1877, as amended herein, and



recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1877, S.D. 1, and be recommitted to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, for further consideration.

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. 1877</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WAH</i>	Date: <i>FEB. 05, 2007</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	<i>X</i>			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	<i>X</i>			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	<i>X</i>			
HEE, Clayton	<i>X</i>			
SLOM, Sam	<i>X</i>			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes