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RE: H.B. No. 975
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 975, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WATER SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire agricultural water systems.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Allows the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire by grant, purchase, or gift the real, personal, or mixed property comprising an agricultural water system;
- (2) Requires the owner of the agricultural water system acquired by the corporation to describe the system in a manner that meets recording requirements, including a map containing a metes and bounds description; and
- (3) Exempts the conveyance of agricultural water systems to the corporation from county subdivision requirements.

Your Committee received three written comments on this measure. Written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.



Your Committee finds that this specific authorization to the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire agricultural water systems, including by gift, will assist it in providing much needed irrigation to agricultural lands. The further exemption of these assignments from county subdivision requirements will greatly expedite this process and result in the savings of time and money.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 975, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



