

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1152

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 1152 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to impose a 100-year moratorium on certain building or development projects that are on class A or B agricultural lands and agricultural district lands in senatorial districts 22 and 23, which comprise agricultural lands located in the area bounded by Wahiawa, Kaena Point, Kahuku, and Kaneohe on the north shore and windward coast of Oahu.

This measure applies only to projects for which general planning has not already commenced.

Your Committee finds that between 1969 and 2006, the amount of land zoned for agriculture declined by over 25,000 acres statewide. On Oahu alone, land under cultivation decreased by 56 per cent between 1982 and 2005. The moratorium imposed by this measure will prevent development from depleting Oahu's most productive agricultural lands, while also ensuring the availability of water for agriculture and the continued and increased production of local produce. These protections and benefits are critical to the viability of agriculture in the State, as well as the State's economy and sustainability.

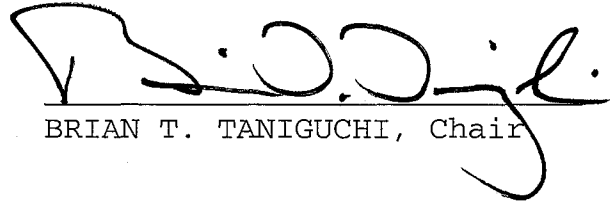
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and

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purpose of S.B. No. 1152 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations,

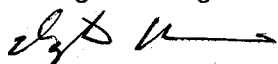


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1152	WTL, JGO	2/27/09		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes