

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

347

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 243
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 243 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IRRIGATION SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help ensure a reliable source of water for farming operations in the state by authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds, with proceeds to be deposited into the Irrigation Repair and Maintenance Special Fund and used to fund repair and maintenance of specific irrigation systems in each county of the state, and for the Agricultural Water Use Development Plan and agricultural resource management.

Two members of the Maui County Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Kona County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and Hawaii Agriculture Research Center supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture and Department of Land and Natural Resources submitted comments.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Renaming the existing Irrigation Repair and Maintenance Special Fund as the Agricultural Infrastructure Improvement Special Fund (Improvement Special Fund), and expanding the list of items for which funds in the

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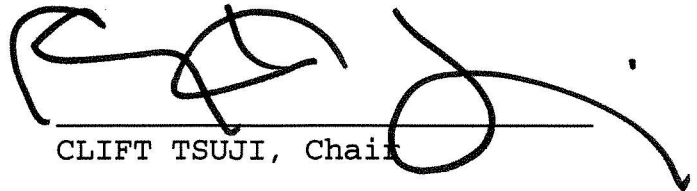


Improvement Special Fund may be used to include agricultural water and land planning;

- (2) Adding the taro farmers' irrigation system in Hanalei, Kauai, to the specific list of irrigation systems receiving funding in this measure; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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 H.B. No. 243, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 243, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

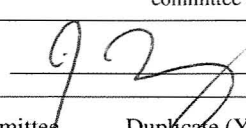


CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 243	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/10/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. WOOLEY, Jessica (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.				✓
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
8. TAKAI, K. Mark				
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
11. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				✓
TOTAL (11)	6	0	0	4
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: 				
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