

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 318

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 318 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOG,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist farmers impacted by vog by requiring the Department of Agriculture (DOA), in consultation with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, to conduct comprehensive research to determine the best methods for employing vog treatments and find specific varieties of crops more resistant to the effects of vog.

A member of the Hawaii County Council, County of Hawaii Department of Research and Development, Ka'u Farm Bureau, and McCall Flower Farm, Inc., and several concerned individuals supported this bill. A concerned individual supported the intent of this measure. DOA and a member of the Hawaii County Council submitted comments.

Your Committees support future legislative efforts to address concerns regarding the availability of funding for this measure.

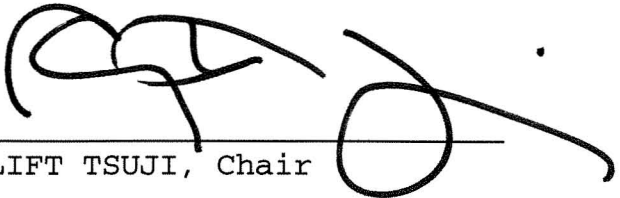
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 318 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Higher Education,



JERRY L. CHANG, Chair

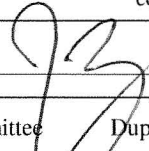


CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



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The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 318	Committee Referral: AGR/HED, FIN	Date: Feb. 10, 2009		
<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. 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)	7	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: 				
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