

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1483  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide adequate amounts of water at a reduced rate for agricultural operations utilizing water from the Molokai irrigation system.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Agriculture to provide water at a reduced rate to Molokai irrigation system water users who lease tracts of Hawaiian Home Lands;
- (2) Requires the Department of Agriculture to forgive past due amounts owed by lessees of Hawaiian Home Lands on Molokai for the provision of water; and
- (3) Appropriates funds to cover operational costs of the Molokai irrigation system.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on the measure from Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson, Board of Agriculture.




Your Committee finds that the high cost of water delivery results in hardship on Hawaiian homestead farmers. Providing water to homestead lessees at a reasonable rate and forgiving past due loan amounts will promote self-sufficiency and enable lessees to manage their water costs.

Your Committee has amended this measure to allow, rather than require, the Department of Agriculture to forgive past due loan amounts owed by any lessee of Hawaiian Home Lands on Molokai for the provision of water from the Molokai irrigation system.

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. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.


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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1483, HD1, SD1	AGL/HWN, WAM	3-30-11		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	//			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	//			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	//			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	//			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	//			
ESPERO, Will	//			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	//			
KIM, Donna Mercado	//			
KAHELE, Gilbert	//			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				/
RYAN, Pohai		/		
TOKUDA, Jill N.	//			
WAKAI, Glenn	//			
SLOM, Sam	//			
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	1	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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