

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 98

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 868
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.B. No. 868 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance public safety and address needed infrastructure improvements by:

- (1) Expanding the authorized uses of the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund (Special Fund) to include dams and reservoirs, and specifying that authorized uses include investigative studies to identify and assess necessary improvements to dams, reservoirs, irrigation systems, and transportation networks; and
- (2) Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to be deposited into the Special Fund and expended for plans, design, construction, and other related costs for dam, reservoir, or irrigation system improvements.

Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Kauai Coffee Company, the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Maui County Farm Bureau, Kamehameha Schools, Grove Farm Company, Inc., and a concerned individual supported this bill.

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The Department of Agriculture (DOA) supported the intent of this measure.

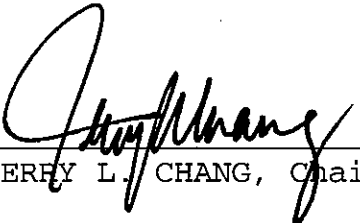
Your Committees note that although DOA supported the intent of this bill, it raised concerns regarding the provision that requires private matching funds to access Special Fund monies provided for in this measure. DOA indicated that it would not be able to provide the necessary private matching funds, which would prevent DOA from accessing the Special Fund. Your Committees intend to continue work on this particular issue as this bill moves forward.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

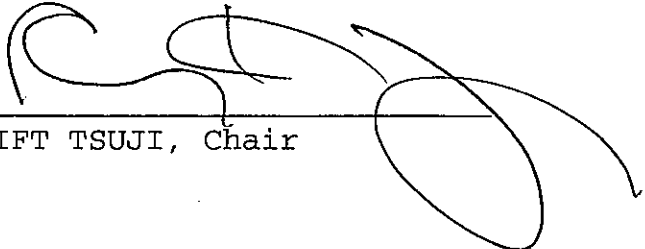
- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 868, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 868, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Water, Land, & Ocean Resources,



JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 808	Committee Referral: AGR/WLO, FIN	Date: 2/2/11		
<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)				
WLO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				✓
4. CARROLL, Mele				✓
5. CHONG, Pono				✓
6. COFFMAN, Denny	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. ITO, Ken	✓			
9. MORITA, Hermina M.				✓
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
11. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
12. THIELEN, Cynthia		X		
TOTAL (12)	7	1		4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted if joint referral committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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