

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

142

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2011

RE: S.B. No. 144

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 144 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING A GRANT-IN-AID APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTIES TO FINANCE DROUGHT MITIGATION PROJECTS AND MEASURES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide grant-in-aid funding to each county for agricultural drought mitigation plans, measures, and projects.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one state department and three private entities. Testimony in opposition to this measure was received from one state department.

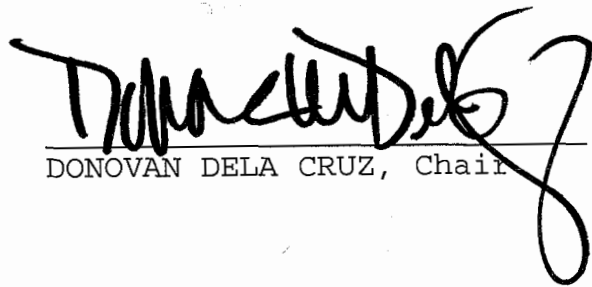
Your Committees find that a viable agriculture industry requires a steady, reliable supply of water. However, drought conditions continue to adversely affect local farms and ranches, hampering their ability to produce quality products on a consistent basis throughout the year. To address the harmful impact of droughts, mitigation measures in the Hawaii Drought Plan must be implemented. The goal of the Hawaii Drought Plan is to develop coordinated emergency response mechanisms and to outline steps toward mitigating the effects of future droughts. Your Committees further find that to adequately implement the Hawaii Drought Plan, sufficient funding for the counties is necessary to

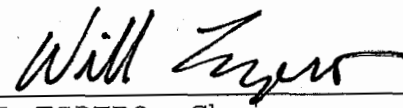


address the many challenges that our agriculture industry faces in preparing for droughts.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 144 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs and Water,
Land, and Housing,


DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, Chair


WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
PGM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 144	Committee Referral: PGM/WLH, WAM	Date: 2-3-11		
<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 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
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

