

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1426

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 6, 2011

RE: S.B. No. 631
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 631, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow solar energy facilities to be placed on agricultural lands with soil classified as overall (master) productivity rating class B or C, subject to certain restrictions.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Planning submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

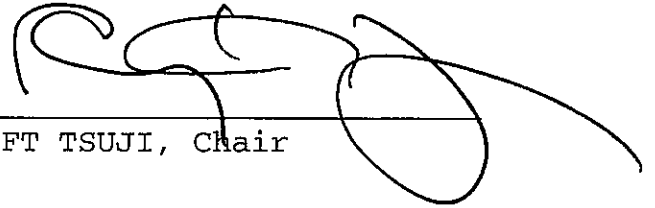
- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

SB631 HD2 HSCR AGR HMS 2011-3554



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 S.B. No. 631, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 631, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 631, SD1, HD1	Committee Referral: EEP/WLO, AGR	Date: 4/1/11		
<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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen L.	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
11. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
TOTAL (11)	11	X	X	X
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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