STAND. COM. REP. NO. **63** -12

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 3 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1945 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1945 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is require public utilities to propose preferential public utility rates to the Public Utilities Commission for public utility services provided to ratepayers engaged in agricultural activities in agricultural districts.

Hawaii Bioenergy, LLC; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Young Brothers, Limited; and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture and the Public Utilities Commission supported the intent of this measure. Poamoho Organic Produce provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing public utilities to propose such preferential public utility rates;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and

(3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1945, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1945, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold 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.	V			
4. BROWER, Tom	V			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.				
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6. EVANS, Cindy	V			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.			1.111	
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	V			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
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10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				✓
11. RIVIERE, Gil				
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TOTAL (11)	10			1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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