STAND. COM. REP. NO. 394 -12

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1945 H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1945, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support agriculture in Hawaii by:

- (1) Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish preferential rates for public utility services that are used by ratepayers for agricultural activities on land within agricultural districts; and
- (2) Allowing a public utility to provide to customers preferential rates for any public utility service, including potable water, electricity, and freight transport, to be used for agricultural activities on lands within an agricultural district, subject to the PUC's approval.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii BioEnergy, and Young Brothers supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The PUC submitted comments.

After careful consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by deleting the operative provisions of this measure and

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authorizing the PUC instead to provide preferential water carrier service tariffs for ratepayers that engage in agricultural activities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1945, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1945, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1945 HD1	Committee Referral: AGR, UC, F	-IN Date	* 2/8/20	SI
☐ 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)				
2. YAMANE, Ryan I. (VC)				
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. COFFMAN, Denny				
7. ITO, Ken				
8. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				
9. LUKE, Sylvia				
10. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
11. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
12. TSUJI, Clift				
13. CHING, Corinne W.L.			<u></u>	
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (15)	- 14			
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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