

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2149

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2667

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2667 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a joint legislative committee on water security to delineate the meaning of water security and establish benchmarks to track improvements in water security in order to provide for reliable, adequate, and sustainable water systems to meet current and future agricultural and population needs.

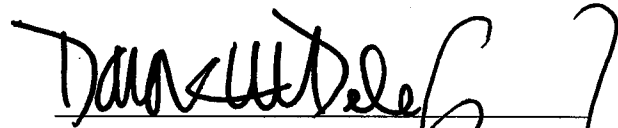
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Cattlemen's Association, Alexander & Baldwin, Big Island Farm Bureau, and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that changing climate conditions make water security one of the most important issues facing farmers and ranchers. Agriculture's long-term success is almost completely dependent upon water and farmers and ranchers need assurances of their access to water. Thus, establishing a water policy that provides crops and livestock with a dependable source of affordable water will support and sustain agricultural operations in Hawaii.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2667 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

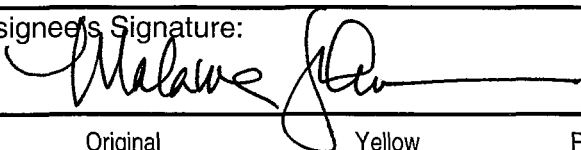
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land, and  
Housing,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water, Land and Housing**  
**WLH**

Bill / Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:									
SB 2667	WLH, WAM	2/9/12									
<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				
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)				✓							
SOLOMON, Malama (VC)				✓							
FUKUNAGA, Carol							✓				
RYAN, Pohai				✓							
SHIMABUKURO, Maile				✓							
TOKUDA, Jill N.							✓				
SLOM, Sam				✓							
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>				
Recommendation:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:											
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