

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2179
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2179 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOWER HAMAKUA DITCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support diversified agricultural production to achieve the State's goal of food sustainability and self-sufficiency by establishing a cap for five years on the toll for water provided to water users by the Lower Hamakua Ditch irrigation system.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Ulupono Initiative, and two concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Agriculture provided comments on this bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

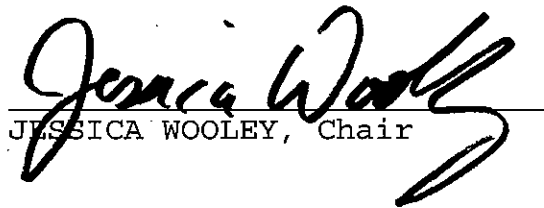
- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

Should the Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure, your Committee requests that it cap the toll for water provided by the Lower Hamakua Ditch at 50 cents per one thousand gallons.



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. 2179, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2179, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

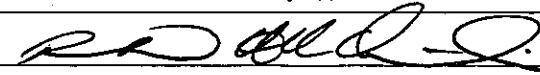

JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



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The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2179	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/10/2014		
<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. WOOLEY, Jessica (C)	✓			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.				/
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
7. OHNO, Takashi	/			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
9. TSUJI, Clift	/			
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
11. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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