

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1372

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1372 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exclude from the definition of "public utility" any person who provides water solely to bona fide agricultural activities.

The Department of Agriculture, Office of Planning, and Public Utilities Commission commented on this bill.

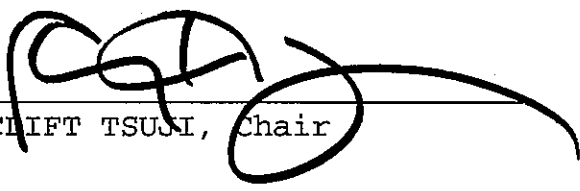
The Department of Agriculture and Office of Planning supported either removing the term "bona fide" or clarifying what "bona fide agricultural activities" mean.

Should the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce or the Committee on Finance, or both, further deliberate on this bill, your Committee on Agriculture respectfully requests that they consider and appropriately act upon the comments and proposed amendments submitted by the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Planning relating to the definition of "bona fide agricultural activities".



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. 1372 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1372</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AGR, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/5/2015</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
6. ITO, Ken	/			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
9. OHNO, Takashi	/			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
13. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (13)	13			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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