

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 17, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2029
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2029 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE LOANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the framework, as well as provide short- and long-term funding mechanisms for the creation of the Hawaii Water Infrastructure Authority, which shall be purposed with loan-making for water infrastructure development, repair, and maintenance.

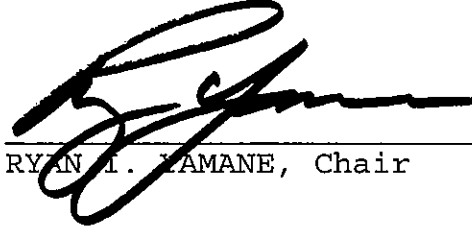
The Department of Agriculture, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Hawaii Community Foundation's Hawaii Fresh Water Initiative, Maui County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources testified in opposition to this measure. The State Procurement Office and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2029, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2029, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



