

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2595  
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 Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2595 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve agricultural water systems and assist their owners to carry out much need improvements to address the impacts of drought by authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriating funds for, among other things, the costs of system optimization; planning, environmental, and legal support; and project and construction management for specified irrigations systems in the State.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and Larry Jefts Farms, LLC supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments on this measure.

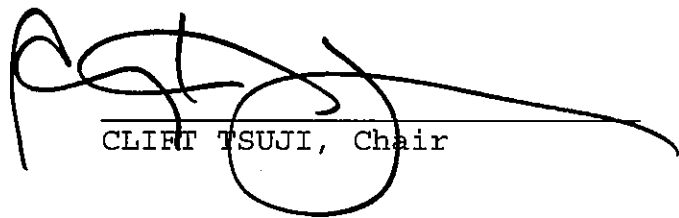
Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 20, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

Should the Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure further, your Committee on Agriculture respectfully requests that it determine what amounts are needed for each irrigation system.



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. 2595, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2595, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.


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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2595	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/18/2016		
<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. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
6. DeCOITE, Lynn	/			
7. ITO, Ken	/			
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
9. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
10. OHNO, Takashi	/			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
14. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (14)	14			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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