

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2040

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2138

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2138 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUTRIENT CYCLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an appropriation for a nutrient cycling center pilot project on Maui and require reporting on the efficacy of the pilot project.


Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawai'i System, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Maui Farmers Union United, Hawaii Food Policy Council, and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that nutrient cycling fosters agricultural production by preventing nutrients from flowing from farmland into aquifers and shorelines. Nutrient cycling puts end products back into the land-based food chain instead of generating waste or causing pollution, as with food waste. Your Committee further finds that nutrient cycling lowers agricultural production costs, increases yields, reduces waste in streams, and leaves the soil in revitalized condition. Your Committee also finds that a regional nutrient cycling center in Hawaii, particularly on Maui, would promote environmental, economic, and social benefits for the State along with food and energy security, while minimizing the interisland transfer of waste streams and reducing the likelihood of transporting invasive species.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2138 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2138	WLA, WAM	02-03-16		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
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TOTAL	7			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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