

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2377

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and  
Transportation and Energy, to which was referred S.B. No. 2377  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WATER SUPPLY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the  
farming and ranching industries in South Kohala on the island of  
Hawaii by appropriating funds for planning and engineering studies  
and designs for construction of:

- (1) Water source development;
- (2) Renewable energy sources for agricultural development  
and delivery; and
- (3) A reservoir to service the agricultural lands  
surrounding Waimea on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Hawaiian Home  
Lands, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and one  
individual.

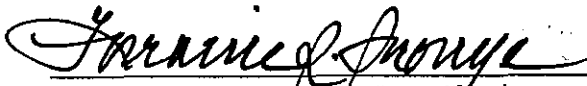
Your Committees find that the development of non-potable  
water resources for farms and ranches in South Kohala on the  
island of Hawaii is critically necessary to meet the demand for  
food self-sufficiency, address food security, expand the  
agricultural economy, and address drought migration. Your

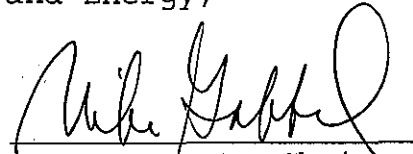


Committees further find that a regional agriculture water development plan will identify the storage and distribution improvements necessary to increase capacity, which will lead to increases in diversified agriculture, the establishment of new and larger crop fields for produce and livestock feed, and new opportunities to assist the economy in the region and throughout the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and Transportation and Energy that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2377 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Water, Land, and  
Agriculture and Transportation  
and Energy,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

  
MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture**  
**WLA**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2377	WLA/TRE, WAM	02-09-16		
<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	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>4</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>				
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