

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2355

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2016

RE: S.B. No. 3031
S.D. 1

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. 3031 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IRRIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance improvements to irrigation systems throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Maui County Farm Bureau; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; PonoHolo Ranch, Limited; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; and thirteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, Hawaii Farmers Union United, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that a reliable irrigation system is the lifeline of Hawaii's agricultural industry. To ensure that Hawaii's crops receive a steady and dependable supply of water, sufficient funding is needed to maintain and improve Hawaii's irrigation systems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

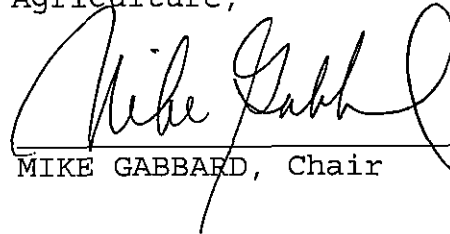
- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$12,700,000;



- (2) Inserting specific irrigation system improvement projects and funding allocations; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 3031, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3031, S.D. 1, 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
Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture
WLA

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 3031</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WLA, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/10/16</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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.	/			/ <i>cr</i>
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	6			3
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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*Only one measure per Record of Votes