

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 584

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 584 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IRRIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide additional funding needed for improvements to irrigation systems throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and Hawaii Farmers Union United. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

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 further finds that the Department of Agriculture and the Hawaii Farm Bureau have identified and proposed eleven irrigation projects throughout the State that are in need of capital improvements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

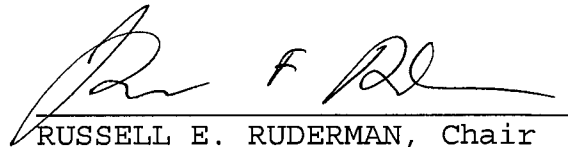
- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$4,150,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016;



- (2) Adding an authorization for issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriation of \$3,800,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017;
- (3) Adding an additional authorization for issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriation of \$12,935,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016;
- (4) Designating eleven irrigation projects and funding allocations for capital improvements; and
- (5) 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 Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 584, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 584, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 584	Committee Referral: AGL, WAM	Date: 2/3/15		
<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
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
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; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes