

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

146

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2015

RE: S.B. No. 629

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 629 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO URBAN WATER CONSERVATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a four-year irrigation water conservation best management practices pilot program, under which the Department of Accounting and General Services shall implement irrigation water conservation best management practices as established by the Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii;
- (2) Require the Department of Accounting and General Services to report to the Legislature regarding the pilot program; and
- (3) Make an appropriation to the Department of Accounting and General Services for the implementation of the pilot program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services. Your Committee received comments from Irrigation Hawaii Limited.



Your Committee finds that the pilot program under this measure will assist the State with water conservation and improve the efficiency of landscape irrigation installments at state facilities through low cost, practical measures.

Your Committee further finds that the best management practices established by the Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii were developed in close consultation with landscape professionals across the State and are recognized nationally as landscape industry standards. Your Committee believes that by implementing best management practices, this measure will help reduce wasted drinking water, reduce run-off, and optimize plant health by applying the correct amount of water.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 629 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 029 | Committee Referral: WTL, NAM | Date: 02.04.15 | | |
| <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 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 |
| THIELEN, Laura H. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| IHARA, Jr., Les | ✓ | | | |
| RIVIERE, Gil | | | | ✓ |
| RUDERMAN, Russell E. | | | | ✓ |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. | ✓ | | | |
| SLOM, Sam | | | | ✓ |
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| Chair's or Designee's Signature: | | | | |
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