

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 485

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 485 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IRRIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support agriculture in Hawaii by authorizing the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds in an unspecified sum to finance capital improvement projects for irrigation systems.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau, Local Food Coalition, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Farmers & Ranchers United, Maui County Farm Bureau, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of the measure.

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 H.B. No. 485 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



