

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2846  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2846, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IRRIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to transfer temporary operational authority over a portion of the east Kauai irrigation system to the Department of Agriculture.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) positions within the Agricultural Resource Management Division of the Department of Agriculture;
- (2) Transfers temporary operation authority over a certain portion of the east Kauai irrigation system to the Department of Agriculture;
- (3) Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$2,000,000 to assist the Department of Agriculture in its efforts to increase state irrigation system capacity; and
- (4) Makes an appropriation for the operations and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, East Kauai Water Users Cooperative, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Kalepa Koalition, Saiva Siddhanta Church, and one concerned individual.

Your Committee finds that exercising operational authority over the east Kauai irrigation system could prevent the irrigation system from falling into disrepair.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

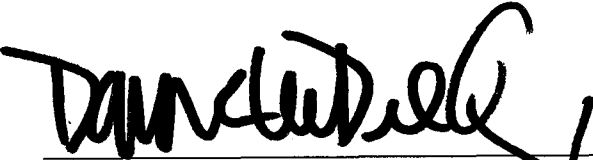
- (1) Permitting, rather than requiring, the transfer of operational authority from the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative to the Department of Agriculture;
- (2) Changing the appropriation for the operations and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system from \$500,000 to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Recasting language concerning the transfers of moneys from the non-agricultural park lands special fund and the agricultural park special fund into the general fund for purposes of placing the foregoing appropriations into separate appropriation sections of the measure;
- (4) Requiring the Attorney General to review the revocable permit issued by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative for legal conflicts and submit a report of its findings to the Legislature;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (6) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2846, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass



Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2846,  
S.D. 2.

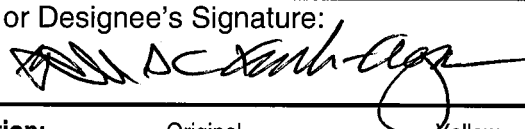
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2846, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/28/18</b>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				X
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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