

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 04 2022**

RE: S.B. No. 2056

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2056 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOIL CLASSIFICATIONS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to conduct a study of the suitability of the Land Study Bureau soil overall (master) productivity rating system in the regulation of agricultural lands in the State and make recommendations for the use of soil classification systems for agricultural land use regulation; and
- (2) Appropriate funding for the study.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Hawaii State Energy Office, and the University of Hawai'i System. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committees find that the State has not completed a comprehensive soil study or completed a sufficient agricultural soil mapping in over fifty years. The first and only statewide soil mapping, classification, and characterization study was



conducted by the Land Study Bureau of the University of Hawaii from 1965 to 1972. As the Land Study Bureau classification system reflects the agricultural activities of plantation sugar cane and pineapple production prevalent at the time of the study, the data does not accurately reflect the current conditions of soil in the State.

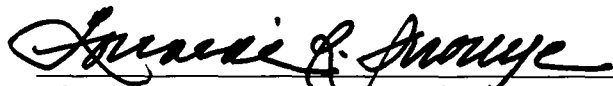
To meet key state food sustainability goals, an accurate, updated soil dataset must be collected to reflect soil characteristics, soil properties, and soil suitability for various purposes, including optimization for public and private investments in Hawaii's agriculture. This measure will allow the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to conduct a study of the suitability of the Land Study Bureau soil overall (master) productivity rating system and other soil classification systems that govern regulations of agricultural lands in the State and report findings and recommendations for the use of soil classification systems for agricultural land use.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2056 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Water and Land  
and Agriculture and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	✓			<del>✓</del>
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted


Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Bennette E. Misalucha*

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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
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