

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

603

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: H.B. No. 1365

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and  
Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 1365  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the  
Department of Agriculture for the preparation of an environmental  
impact statement to drill non-potable water wells on individual  
parcels at Panaewa Agricultural Park and Panaewa farm lots.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union; Hawai'i Food+  
Policy; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; and three  
individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure  
from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that access to affordable and reliable  
irrigation water is essential for agricultural viability. This  
measure provides resources for preparation of an environmental  
impact statement to drill non-potable water wells on individual  
parcels at Panaewa Agricultural Park and Panaewa farm lots,  
enhancing irrigation water access in the region.

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Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation is for a Non-Potable Water Wells Pilot Program; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1365, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1365, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy &  
Environmental Protection and  
Agriculture & Food Systems,

  
KIRSTIN KAHALOA, Chair

  
NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1365</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP/AGR, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/6/25</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
4. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
5. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
6. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (6)</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>1</b>

The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Amy Perruso*

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