

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1485

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1541
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B.
No. 1541, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAIAHOLE WATER SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the
Waiahole Water System for bond debt service and tunnel repair.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Land Use Research
Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Agriculture Research Center; Bayer
U.S. LLC; Ulupono Initiative; Kunia Village Title Holding
Corporation; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Hawaii
Crop Improvement Association; and Mililani Agricultural Park, LLC.

Your Committee finds that the Waiahole Water System is
essential for transporting water from the Koolau Mountains to
central and leeward Oahu, supporting thousands of acres of
agricultural land. However, aging infrastructure and high water
rates place a significant financial burden on farmers, increasing
production costs and food prices. This measure appropriates funds
to the Agribusiness Development Corporation to retire bond debt
and address infrastructure repairs, ensuring long-term water
access and affordability for Hawaii's agricultural sector.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1541, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Hashem", written over a horizontal line.

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1541 SDI HDI	Committee Referral: AGR, WAL, FIN	Date: 3/20/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.			✓	
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8	0	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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