

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1757

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 778
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 778, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTEGRATED LAND USE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate comprehensive planning for the use of agricultural lands.

Specifically, this measure requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop an integrated land use study that incorporates various climate and sustainability goals and studies.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawaii Farmers Union; and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that a comprehensive and data-driven integrated land use study that incorporates various climate and sustainability goals and studies will help to guide future

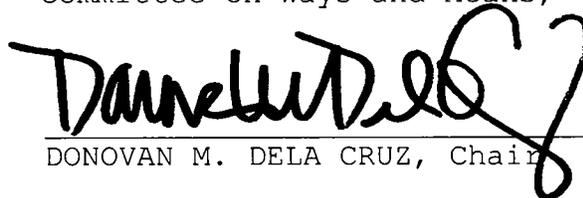


planning and decision making regarding uses of agricultural lands. Your Committee believes an integrated land use study will help determine the appropriate balance between competing land use priorities while ensuring that agriculture remains a viable industry in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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 H.B. No. 778, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 778, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

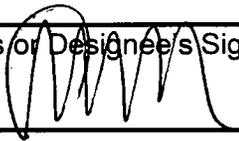
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB778 HD2	Committee Referral: WTL/AEN, WAM	Date: 4/2/2025		
<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			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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