

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 14 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1331  
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 Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1331 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAND STUDY BUREAU SOIL RATING SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to update the soil data used by the Land Study Bureau Soil Rating System with current data and approaches.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Department of Agriculture; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawai'i Farmers Union United.

Your Committee finds that accurate soil data reflecting soil characteristics, soil properties, and identification of limits, risks, and soil suitability for various uses helps optimize public and private investments in agriculture. This measure will ensure the optimal use of the State's agricultural lands by requiring the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to update the soil data used by the Land Study Bureau.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the name of CTAHR from the College of Agriculture and Human Resources to the College of Agriculture and Human Resilience, to reflect its recent name change;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1331, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1331, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1331</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02/10/25</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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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