Honolulu, Hawaii

Fely 6, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2177

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2177 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 12, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote agricultural development in Hawaii by proposing a constitutional amendment that authorizes the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist agricultural businesses operating on important agricultural land.

The Department of Agriculture, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, and Maui Land and Pineapple Company, Inc., supported the intent of this bill. The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, Hanalei Watershed Hui, and Earthjustice opposed this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2177 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture,

FELTPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Committee Referral: The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. The recommendation is to:	
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The recommendation is: Adopted	
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If joint referral, did not support recommendation.	
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