Honolulu, Hawaii

APRIL 19 , 2006

RE:

S.B. No. 2479

H.D. 1 C.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to propose an amendment to Article VII, section 12, of the Hawaii State Constitution, to authorize the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds from the bonds to assist agricultural enterprises.

In 2005, the Legislature passed Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, which provides a process for identifying and designating important agricultural lands in Hawaii. As a part of Act 183, the Legislature developed a process for the long-term retention of important agricultural lands for agricultural uses by creating incentives. Your Committee on Conference finds that encouraging agricultural development will provide positive environmental,

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

BLAKE K. OSHIRO, Co-Chair

CLIFT TSUJI, Co-Chair

RUSSELL S.\ KOKUBUN, Chair

COLLEEN HANABUSA, Co-Chair

Hawaii State Legislature

Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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