

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 418

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 400

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 400 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support Hawaii's agricultural industry by providing funds to implement drought mitigation projects and strategies in each county of the State of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and Maui County Farm Bureau submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Land and Natural Resources supported the intent of the measure.

Your Committee finds that droughts have not only affected Hawaii's agriculture and livestock industries, but have also impacted other segments of the community, such as our water supply, commerce, environment, public health, and safety. In 2004, each county developed a long range plan and drought mitigation strategies to help reduce the negative effects of drought in their communities.

Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii drought plan, water infrastructure polices, and county water management strategies developed in 2004 have not been implemented due to a lack of resources. This measure will enable implementation of each county's drought mitigation strategy.

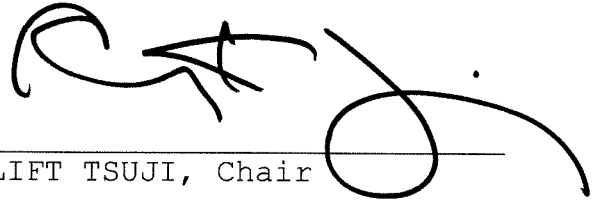
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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 400 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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




CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 400		Date: February 9, 2007		
Committee Referral: AGR, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.				/
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	/			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
6. HERKES, Robert N.	/			
7. MANAHAN, Joey	/			
8. WAKAI, Glenn				/
9. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.	/			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose				/
TOTAL	9	0	0	3
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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