

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2078

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aug 18, 2007

RE: S.C.R. No. 3  
S.D. 1

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 S.C.R.  
No. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RATE STRUCTURES OF PRIVATE ENTITIES  
THAT FURNISH WATER USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to promote fair  
and appropriate water rates for certain agricultural water users  
by requesting the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to study the  
rate structures of private entities that furnish water used for  
agricultural purposes.

The Department of Agriculture and the Hawaii Farm Bureau  
Federation supported this measure. The Consumer Advocate and PUC  
submitted comments.

Your Committee notes that concerns were raised during the  
public hearing regarding the need for further clarification of the  
term "agricultural purposes". In addition, testimony from the PUC  
indicated that the PUC has jurisdiction over private water  
companies that are classified as "public utilities" in Chapter  
269, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The PUC would not have jurisdiction  
over privately-owned water companies that are not public  
utilities.

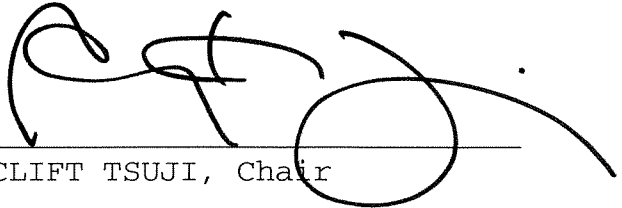
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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 3, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair





State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 3 SD1		Date: 4/13/07		
Committee Referral: AGR, CPC		<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"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <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	7	0	0	5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)  <i>Tom Brower</i> Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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