

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2098

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 23, 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, 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 measure is to request the Public
Utilities Commission to study the rate and fee structures of
private entities statewide that furnish water used for
agricultural purposes in areas zoned for agricultural use, and
further requests the Public Utilities Commission to do the
following:

- (1) Perform an inventory of all privately-owned water
systems statewide that are used for agricultural
purposes;
- (2) Examine the water rate structures established by the
local county board of water supply;
- (3) Examine and distinguish between the rate and fee
structures for privately-owned water systems used for
agricultural purposes and for residential purposes;
- (4) Determine the factors that distinguish the water rate
for agricultural purposes and for residential purposes;

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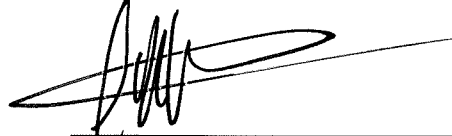
- (5) Seek input, collaboration, and guidance from the Department of Agriculture, the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and each county board of water supply; and

submit a written report to the Legislature of its findings and recommendations before the convening of the 2008 Regular Session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Palila Growers. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Public Utilities Commission of the Department of Budget and Finance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce 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 its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,




ANGUS L. K. MCKELVEY,
Vice-Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 3 SD 1		Date: April 20, 2007		
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 recommittal for further consideration				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	X			
2. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	X			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	X			
4. EVANS, Cindy	X			
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.				X
6. ITO, Ken				X
7. LUKE, Sylvia				X
8. MORITA, Hermina M.	X			
9. SONSON, Alex M.	X			
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.				X
11. TSUJI, Clift	X			
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.	X			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	X			
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				X
TOTAL	10	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)				
				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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