STAND. COM. REP. NO. **903** 

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 975 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 975 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WATER SYSTEMS," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide additional flexibility to the operations of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) by authorizing ADC to acquire, or contract to acquire, by grant, purchase, or gift the real, personal, or mixed property comprising an agricultural water system to provide water for irrigation of agricultural lands. In addition, this bill:

- (1) Requires the owner of an agricultural water system that is to be acquired under this bill to provide a description of the system sufficient to identify the property being acquired; and
- (2) Exempts conveyance of agricultural water system property to ADC from county subdivision requirements.

ADC, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Kamehameha Schools, Ka'u Farm Bureau, and Kahuku Brand Matsuda Fukuyama Farms testified in support of this bill. The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 975, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 975, H.D. 1.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fifth Legislature

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.:  HB 975  Committe	e Referral: GR/WL	O, FIN Date	March	3,2009
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	V			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	V			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	V			
5. BROWER, Tom	V			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	V			
7. COFFMAN, Denny				
8. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
9. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	V			
10. LEE, Chris	V			
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	V		7,00	
12. SAGUM, Roland D., III	V			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	ν			
14. WOOLEY, Jessica	V			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	1			
16. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	U.			
17. WARD, Gene	1			
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TOTAL (17)	17	0	0	0
The recommendation is:  Adopted				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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