STAND. COM. REP. NO. **902**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Morch 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 243

H.D. 2

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. 243, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IRRIGATION SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help ensure a reliable source of water for farming operations in the state by authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds, with proceeds to be deposited into the Agricultural Infrastructure Improvement Special Fund and used to fund repair and maintenance of specific irrigation systems in each county of the state, and for the Agricultural Water Use Development Plan and agricultural resource management.

A member of the Maui County Council, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc., Maui County Farm Bureau, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness Development Corporation, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and Ka'u Farm Bureau submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

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. 243, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 243, H.D. 2.

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

	e Referral:	N Date	harch 3	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)	レ			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	L			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	レ			
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	~			
5. BROWER, Tom	\(\triangle \tr			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	V		-	·
7. COFFMAN, Denny	ν			
8. HAR, Sharon E.	ν ν ν			
9. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	V			
10. LEE, Chris				
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	V			
12. SAGUM, Roland D., III				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V			
14. WOOLEY, Jessica				
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	V			
16. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	V			
17. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (17)	17	0	0	0
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: May 3 Lev				
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