

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 495
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 495 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS WITHIN
THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for
capital improvement projects to repair and maintain irrigation
systems within the State.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by two
members of the Maui County Council, twelve organizations, and five
public citizens. Three state agencies submitted comments.
Written testimony presented to your Committee may be reviewed on
the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that a reliable irrigation system is the
lifeblood of Hawai'i's agricultural industry. To ensure that
Hawai'i's farmers receive a steady and dependable supply of water
to grow their crops, sufficient funding is needed to maintain and
improve Hawai'i's agricultural irrigation systems.

Your Committee further finds that this contribution to the
State's agricultural infrastructure will:

- (1) Act as a needed economic stimulus for the State's
economy;




- (2) Create a dynamic impact of water availability enabling increased agricultural production; and
- (3) Benefit the State through increased tax revenue.

The total amount for these capital improvement projects approximates \$16,000,000.

Your Committee has amended this measure by providing additional information for the purpose section.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 495, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 495, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs,

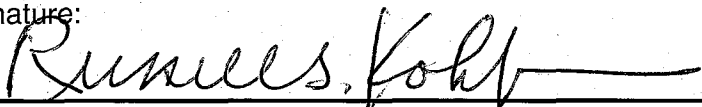


CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 495	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 2/18/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)				/
BUNDA, Robert				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes