STAND. COM. REP. NO. 731

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 2 2011

RE:

H.B. No. 1277

H.D. 2 S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1277, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATEWIDE AGRICULTURE WATER DEVELOPMENT STUDY, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds out of the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund to the Department of Agriculture to complete the Statewide Agriculture Water Use and Development Study.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and Hawaii Crop Improvement Association.

Your Committee finds that as a result of the closure of the large sugar cane plantations in the 1990's, the Legislature passed Act 101, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998, mandating the Department of Agriculture to create an Agricultural Water Use and Development Plan. To complete this plan, an in-depth study of irrigation systems throughout the State is currently being conducted. measure will provide necessary funding to the Department of Agriculture for its continued work on the Statewide Agriculture Water Use and Development Study.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1277, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1277, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Agriculture AGL

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: Date:				
HB1277,HD2	AGL, WAM 3-17-11				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)					,
KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
SHIMABUKURO, Maile					
TOKUDA, Jill N.			SS III SS SS II S SS I		19 / Sale (20 Sales and 19 Sale
WAKAI, Glenn					
SLOM, Sam					
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TOTAL		7			2
Recommendation:					
Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Hilley Kolsele					
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