STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2013

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB - 8 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2217

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2217 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the operation, repair, maintenance, and improvement of the East Kauai irrigation system by the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i System; East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative; Saiva Siddhanta Church; Kalepa Koalition; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Hawaii Cattlemens Council; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that reliable irrigation systems are the lifelines of Hawaii's agricultural community. Irrigation systems need to be repaired, properly maintained, and improved to meet agricultural water requirements and to address extended water droughts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an appropriation amount of \$75,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of

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S.B. No. 2217, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2217, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture WLA

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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 (Wi	R)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)		1				
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)		/	Ī			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.						./
RIVIERE, Gil		/				
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		/				
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		/				
THIELEN, Laura H.						
WAKAI, Glenn						
SLOM, Sam						
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
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