

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2003

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2396
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2396 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOAN PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate additional funds to the agricultural loan revolving fund and Hawaii water infrastructure special fund; and
- (2) Set a ceiling for the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Maui County Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the agricultural loan revolving fund has a balance of only \$1,800,000 and requires additional funds to support new farmers and improve the State's food self-sufficiency as more agricultural lands become available.

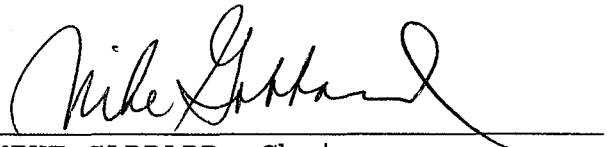


Your Committee also finds that the Department of Agriculture's proposed ceiling for the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund should be included in the state budget, but at a higher level than was requested by the Department, to create a permanent ceiling for the fund. Having a permanent ceiling would allow for efficient management of the program and ensure greater stability for the program's applicants.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2396, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2396, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">SB 2396</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">AEN, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">1/29/18</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RHOADS, Karl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">B. Riviere</div>				
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