

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1080**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 735
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 735, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF WATER RIGHTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish that the public auction requirement for the disposition of water rights shall not be required for a lease of water for commercial kalo cultivation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawai'i Youth Food Council. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that kalo is a significant staple crop to the people of Hawai'i for its nutritional density and cultural properties. Your Committee believes that increased kalo production will allow for a greater cultural connection to traditional Hawaiian customs. However, the existing water leasing process imposes burdensome requirements on water lease applicants, especially smaller agricultural users such as kalo farmers. This measure will promote kalo production and reduce uncertainty for applicants by exempting water leases for commercial taro cultivation from the public auction requirement.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 735, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

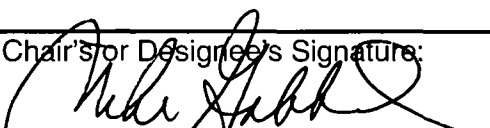


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 735 SDI	WTL/HWN, JDC	3/2/23		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
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