

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2575**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2373

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2373 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IRRIGATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements to various irrigation systems in the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Ulupono Initiative; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; and Local Food Coalition.

Your Committees find that reliable irrigation systems are the lifelines of Hawaii's agricultural community. To ensure that the State's agricultural crops receive a steady and dependable supply of water, irrigation systems need to be repaired, properly maintained, and improved to meet agricultural water requirements and to address extended water droughts. According to testimony received by your Committees, this measure will ensure a reliable source of water for state farmers and ranchers to grow crops and raise livestock efficiently, thereby helping the State reach its goals to increase local food production and reduce reliance on imports.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2373 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2373	AEN/WTL, WAM	2/5/24		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	7	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

