

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1099

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 1099 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the  
Land Use Commission to designate important agricultural lands and  
adopt maps for the designated lands in counties that fail to  
identify and recommend important agricultural lands by  
December 31, 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Agriculture, Land Use Commission, and Hawai'i Farm  
Bureau.

Your Committee finds it is essential to protect and promote  
agricultural viability in the State. Your Committee further finds  
that each county is responsible for the identification of  
potential important agricultural lands within its jurisdiction.  
Your Committee also finds that the counties should prioritize the  
identification of important agricultural lands to support  
agriculture in the State. Accordingly, this measure establishes a  
deadline for the counties to identify and submit to the Land Use  
Commission their respective maps of potential important



agricultural lands and authorizes the Land Use Commission to directly designate land and adopts maps for counties that fail to meet the deadline.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1099 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

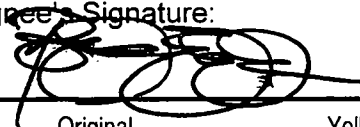
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water and Land,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 1099</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WTL, JDC</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">02/05/25</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input 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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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