

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 31 2025**

RE: S.R. No. 118

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.R. No. 118 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO TRANSFER ACTIVE AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURE IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to transfer active agricultural land leases under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture to support agriculture in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Kapapala Ranch; Ponoholo Ranch; SC Ranch Company, Inc.; Barbed S Ranch; Kealia Ranch; and eight individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.



Your Committee finds that Act 90, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, was passed to ensure the long-term productive use of public lands leased or available to be leased by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for agricultural purposes by authorizing the Department of Agriculture to accept the transfer and management of these lands upon mutual agreement and approval between the Board of Agriculture and the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee further finds that there are lands for agricultural purposes that the Department of Land and Natural Resources have not yet transferred to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Land and Natural Resources does not plan to renew these leases for agricultural purposes at the end of their lease terms. Accordingly, this measure requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to transfer certain active agricultural land leases under its jurisdiction to the Department of Agriculture to support agriculture in the State.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 118 and recommends its adoption.

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

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR118</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL</b>	Date: <b>03/21/25</b>		
<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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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