

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 283

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 283
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FUNDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure, as originally received by your
Committee, is to assist the State in addressing its financial
needs by:

- (1) Temporarily suspending the authority of the Department
of Agriculture to make, insure, guarantee, or
participate in new loans under the agricultural and
aquaculture loan programs;
- (2) Requiring monies in, or received by, the Agricultural
Loan Revolving Fund and Aquaculture Loan Revolving Fund
to be transferred to the general fund; and
- (3) Appropriating the amounts transferred into the general
fund to the Department of Agriculture, and to the Hawaii
Farm Bureau Federation as a grant-in-aid, to be used to
support farming activities.



Prior to the public hearing on this measure, your Committee circulated for review and comment, and received testimony on, a Proposed House Draft 1. As amended, the purpose of the Proposed House Draft 1 of H.B. No. 283 is to address invasive species affecting Hawaii's coffee industry. Specifically, the Proposed House Draft 1 of H.B. No. 283:

- (1) Authorizes the Director of Finance to transfer excess monies in the Agricultural Loan Revolving Fund to the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund; and
- (2) Appropriates monies from the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund for a program to control and eradicate the coffee borer beetle, including the destruction of feral coffee trees.

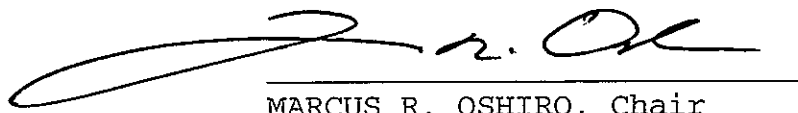
The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Kona County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Coffee Growers Association, Maui Coffee Association, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. Two concerned individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Agriculture provided comments.

Your Committee notes that this measure is intended to be a one-time appropriation to deal with this emergency situation.

After further consideration, your Committee has amended the original measure by adopting the language contained in the Proposed House Draft 1 of H.B. No. 283.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 283, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 283, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HSCR 716-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB283	Committee Referral: FIN	Date: 3/1/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
4. CULLEN, Ty	✓			
5. GIUGNI, Heather	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
8. ICHIJAMA, Linda	✓			
9. JORDAN, Jo		✓		
10. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
11. LEE, Chris	✓			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
16. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
17. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (17)	16	1	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Marilyn B. Lee</i></u>				
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