

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2013

RE: S.R. No. 85

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Water and Land, to which was referred S.R. No. 85 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO IMPLEMENT A SCHEDULE OF REDUCED IRRIGATION WATER TOLL RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE ISLAND OF HAWAII THAT DIFFERENTIATES AMONG DIFFERENT IRRIGATION SYSTEM AREAS AND AGRICULTURAL USERS TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF HAWAII-GROWN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES THROUGH INCREASED USE OF IRRIGATION WATER,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture to implement a schedule of reduced irrigation water toll rates and charges for agricultural enterprises on the island of Hawaii that differentiates among different irrigation system areas to increase the use of irrigation water to promote the development and expansion of Hawaii-grown agricultural commodities.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from 4 Ag Hawaii; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Ulupono Initiative; Kukaiiau Ranch LLC; PonoHolo Ranch, Ltd.; Ulupalakua Ranch; Barbed S Ranch LLC; Kahua Ranch, Ltd.; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; and four individuals.

Your Committees find that expanding local agricultural production is vital to the State's economic and sustainable

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future. Differentiating water rates on the island of Hawaii will result in reduced irrigation water toll rates and charges and promote increased agricultural, livestock, and poultry production.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Agriculture is requested to implement a schedule of reduced irrigation water toll rates and charges for the Hamakua District, in addition to the island of Hawaii;
- (2) Amending the title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 85, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 85, S.D. 1.

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


MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <p style="text-align:center">SR 85</p>	Committee Referral: <p style="text-align:center">AGL/WTL, WAM</p>	Date: <p style="text-align:center">3/20/13</p>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <p style="text-align:center"><i>W. W. W.</i></p>				
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 85	Committee Referral: AGL/WTL, WAM	Date: 3/28/13		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SOLOMON, Malama (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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