

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

279

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 501

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 501 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist farmers and ranchers in remaining competitive and self-sustaining by providing them with the means to request preferential rates from the Public Utilities Commission not only for potable water, but for all public utility services for agricultural activities on lands within an agricultural district.

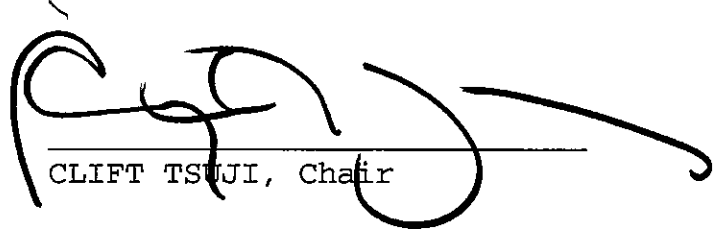
The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The Public Utilities Commission provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 501 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

HB501 HSCR AGR HMS 2015-1873



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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 501	Committee Referral: AGR, CPC	Date: 2/12/2015
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
6. ITO, Ken	/			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
9. OHNO, Takashi	/			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
13. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (13)	13			

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 

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