

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

969

Honolulu, Hawaii

**March 20**, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 774  
S.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 774, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve protections for wetland taro lands and related historic agricultural structures by:

- (1) Adding to the Board of Land and Natural Resources' Intensive Agricultural Use classification of public lands, a Fourth Class-Taro Lands classification comprising undeveloped public lands in the land use conservation district that were in wetland taro cultivation prior to statehood or traditional taro lands that retain historic structural evidence of wetland taro lands; and
- (2) Authorizing and appropriating funds for the Board of Land and Natural Resources, in conjunction with the Taro Security and Purity Task Force, to create an inventory of Fourth Class-Taro Lands.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Taro Security and Purity Task Force, Waianae Neighborhood Board, Hydroponics Alternative LLC, E kūpaku ka 'āina-The Hawaii Land Restoration

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Institute, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure.

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 S.B. No. 774, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

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



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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.: <b>SB 774, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, WAL, FIN</b>	Date: <b>03/19/2015</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
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. DECOITE, Lynn	/			
7. ITO, Ken				/
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
9. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
10. OHNO, Takashi				/
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.				/
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani				/
14. WARD, Gene				/
<b>TOTAL (14)</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>5</b>
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: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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