

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1332
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1332, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IRRIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate monies for maintenance and improvements to the Pe'ekauai Ditch irrigation system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii System, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative, Kauai County Farm Bureau, Kalepa Coalition, Syngenta Hawaii, Saiva Siddhanta Church, and one individual.

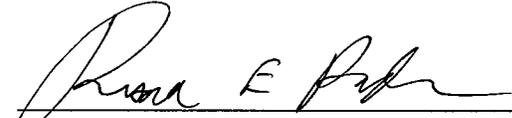
Your Committee finds that reliable irrigation systems are the lifelines of Hawaii's agricultural community. To ensure that Hawaii's agricultural crops receive a steady and dependable supply of water, irrigation systems need to be repaired, properly maintained, and improved to meet agricultural water requirements and to address extended water droughts.

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. 1332, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



