

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2693

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2788

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2788 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the law relating to the membership requirements of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes agents, officers, or employees of Molokai irrigation system users to be Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board members; and
- (2) Removes the requirement that Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board members be active general excise tax licensees.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and a member of the Maui County Council.

Your Committee finds that the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board was created to advise the Department of Agriculture on matters of concern to users of the irrigation system, provide support to the irrigation facilities, participate in the long-range planning of the irrigation system, and act as a

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liaison between the users of the irrigation system and the Department of Agriculture. Since 2010, Advisory Board members must be residents of Molokai and active general excise tax licensees. These requirements have prevented the Advisory Board from attracting qualified members to serve. Presently, only two out of a possible seven positions on the Advisory Board are filled. Your Committee believes that authorizing agents, officers, or employees of Molokai irrigation system users to be Advisory Board members and removing the requirement that board members be active general excise tax licensees will make more Molokai irrigation system users eligible to serve on the Advisory Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2788 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

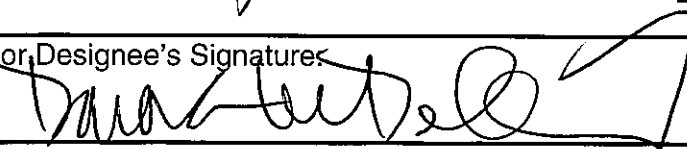


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2788	Committee Referral: WLA, WAM	Date: 3/1/16		
<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 checked="" 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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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