

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2904

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2396
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2396, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOAN PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the agricultural industry in Hawaii.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Appropriates moneys for deposit into the agricultural loan revolving fund and the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund;
- (2) Appropriates moneys out of the agricultural loan revolving fund and the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund to support agriculture; and
- (3) Establishes a \$2,500,000 per fiscal year ceiling for the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture; the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; the Ulupono Initiative; the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i; the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; and one concerned individual.



Your Committee finds that as increased agricultural lands have become available, additional funds are required for the agricultural loan revolving fund to support new farmers and improve the State's food self-sufficiency. Your Committee also finds that the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund requires additional funding in order to provide for current and future loan applications.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the section of the bill that established a balance ceiling for the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund;
- (2) Changing the appropriations into and out of the agricultural loan revolving fund from \$5,000,000 to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the appropriations into and out of the Hawaii water infrastructure special fund from \$2,500,000 to an unspecified amount; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 2396, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2396, S.D. 2.


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


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2396, SDI	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 2/23/18		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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