

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

746

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 503

H.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 H.B. No. 503 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DROUGHT MITIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist counties in implementing their respective drought mitigation strategies, as incorporated in the Hawaii Drought Plan, by appropriating funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for drought mitigation projects and measures in each county.

A member of the Maui County Council, Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Maui County Farm Bureau, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriated amount to an unspecified sum;  
and
- (2) Changing its effective date to January 20, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

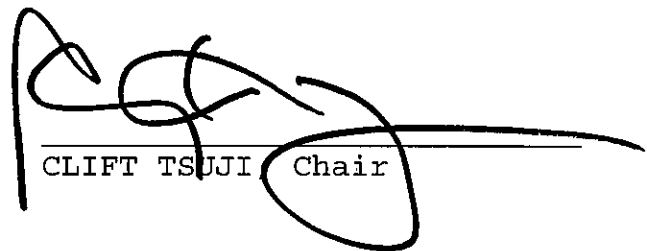
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Should the Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$4,000,000 for county drought mitigation projects and measures to address the local needs and concerns of each county.

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. 503, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 503, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 **HSCR 346**

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 503</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/18/2015</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. 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	/			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>13</b>			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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