

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1843  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1843 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the continued supply of qualified individuals to support and maintain Hawaii's agriculture industry by establishing a comprehensive Vocational Agriculture Education Program in the public schools.

The Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Workforce Development Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, C & H Farms, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Education supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1843, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1843, H.D. 1.

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



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DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



