

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2145
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2145, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote agricultural tourism by:

- (1) Making qualifying agricultural tourism a permitted use in the agricultural district; and
- (2) Allowing the counties to regulate agricultural tourism by ordinance.

The Department of Agriculture, Office of Planning of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Hawaii Tourism Authority, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Kamehameha Schools, Windward Ahupua'a Alliance, and C&H Farms testified in support of this bill. The Mayor of Maui County, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Maui County Farm Bureau, and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources supported this measure with amendments. The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii and Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, provided comments.




Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring, instead of allowing, the counties to establish ordinances regulating agricultural tourism;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2096, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2145, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Tourism & Culture in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2145, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



