

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2767
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 Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2767 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the problem of agricultural pests in Hawaii by appropriating \$250,000 as interim funding for the fruit fly eradication program.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Center for Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics Research Initiative at the University of Hawaii (UH), Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, C & H Farms, and the Maui County Farm Bureau supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the expending agency for the appropriation from DOA to UH to expedite administration of the funding; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.



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. 2767, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2767, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

Felipe P. Abinsay, Jr.

FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair



