

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2796

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. 2796 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HONEY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to prevent mislabeling of honey sold in Hawaii by:

- (1) Establishing specific labeling requirements for the identity statement used for labeling or advertising honey products produced in whole or in part from Hawaii-produced honey; and
- (2) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish and enforce a program certifying compliance:
 - (A) With labeling requirements; and
 - (B) That honey sold in Hawaii is not misbranded or adulterated.

C&H Farms and Hawaii Beekeepers' Association submitted testimony in support of this bill. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Agriculture offered comments.



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. 2796 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

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FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair



