

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr 15, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 253

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.R. No. 253 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO OPPOSE HOUSE RESOLUTION 4167, THE "NATIONAL UNIFORMITY FOR FOODS ACT OF 2005", AND TO ENCOURAGE ONGOING DIALOGUE TO RETAIN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER FOOD SAFETY ISSUES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to protect the public's health and safety by:

- (1) Urging the U.S. Congress to oppose House Resolution 4167, The National Uniformity for Foods Act of 2005; and
- (2) Requesting that the U.S. Congress encourage dialogue to retain state and local governmental control over food safety issues.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 253 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns.



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

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FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair



