

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1595-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 1899
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 1899, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote exports of rainbow papaya produced in Hawaii by appropriating funds to:

- (1) Provide the scientific information necessary to support the deregulation of exports of genetically engineered Hawaiian rainbow papaya into the Japanese market; and
- (2) Initiate the development and implementation of a marketing plan to promote transgenic and non-transgenic Hawaiian papaya in Japan and in future markets, including China and the European Union.

The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Tropical Hawaiian Products, C&H Farms, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Papaya Industry Association supported this measure and suggested revisions. The Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure.

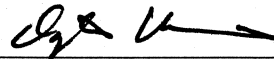
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Your Committee wishes to note the willingness of the beneficiaries of this legislation to contemplate the possibility of either reimbursing the State for its financial support or otherwise aiding in the support of the next promising agricultural industry, should this measure's funding yield profitability.

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 S.B. No. 1899, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



