

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2492
S.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 S.B. No. 2492, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY RIGHTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's farms by expanding the offense of criminal property damage to include intentional damage to agricultural or aquacultural equipment, supplies, or products.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Beekeepers' Association, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Big Island Farm Bureau, Hawaii Aquaculture Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Meadow Gold Dairies, Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii, and C&H Farms supported this bill. The Maui County Farm Bureau supported this measure with amendments. The City and County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney and the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center supported the intent of this bill. The Office of the Public Defender opposed 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2492, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Felipe P. Abinsay, Jr.

FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair



