

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2022

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2478  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2478 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation to conduct agricultural research and promote agricultural market development.

Your Committee finds that the agriculture industry continues to play a vital role in Hawaii's economy and accounts for approximately \$2,400,000,000 in produce, products, and value-added commodities. The industry also employs more than thirty-eight thousand people and has seen a doubling in farm revenues to \$370,900,000 in the fast growing diversified agricultural sector. The success of the agriculture industry is attributable to a dedicated and hard working farm community that has taken an aggressive and dynamic approach to competing in the global agricultural market.

Continued growth and success, however, is dependent upon research and market development. In the past, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation has partnered with the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, the University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and the Department of Agriculture on many research and market development projects.



This bill would allow the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation to continue to coordinate research and market development projects to allow the agricultural community to compete in the world market to maintain and expand its market share.

Your Committee has amended the bill by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount for purposes of furthering discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2478, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2478, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Ways and Means  
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2478	Committee Referral: WLA, WAM	Date: 2/27/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		/		
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
TOTAL	13	1	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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