

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1690

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2007

RE: H.C.R. No. 221
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 221 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A MULTI-PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PROCESSING FACILITY OR FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to encourage the development of diversified agriculture in Hawaii by requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) to study the feasibility of constructing a multi-purpose, agricultural products processing facility or facilities.

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

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its title to read as follows:
"REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A MULTIPLE PURPOSE, MULTIPLE USER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PROCESSING FACILITY OR FACILITIES;"

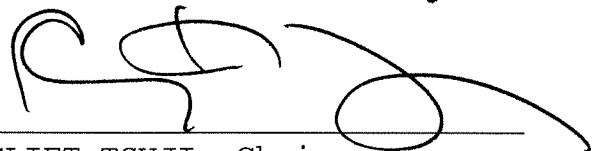
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- (2) Clarifying that LRB is requested to consider in its study the feasibility of utilizing a large, multiple purpose processing facility or facilities serving multiple users;
- (3) Requesting LRB to consider consulting with the National Council of State Legislatures (NSCL) as to whether it is aware of other states undergoing a similar experience with respect to the demise of plantation agriculture;
- (4) Requesting LRB to report its findings and recommendations no later than 45 days prior to the Regular Session of 2008;
- (5) Specifying that a copy of this measure be transmitted to NCSL; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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.C.R. No. 221, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 221, H.D. 1.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



