

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 965

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 2, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1577  
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED COFFEE,"

begs leave to report as follows:


The purpose of this bill is to maintain the unique brand identity and market value of Kona coffee by prohibiting the introduction of genetically modified coffee in the Hawaii market while, at the same time, permitting research on genetically modified coffee in an environmentally secure facility.

The Sierra Club - Hawaii Chapter, Hawaii Coffee Association, Concerned Citizens Against Genetically Engineered Foods, Concerned Citizens Against Pesticide Use, Center For Food Safety, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. Hawaii SEED, supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Maui County Farm Bureau, Tropical Hawaiian Products, Hawaii Science and Technology Council, Integrated Coffee Technologies, Inc., Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Dole Food Company Hawaii, Hawaii Coffee Growers Association, Coffees of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals opposed this bill. Several concerned individuals submitted comments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



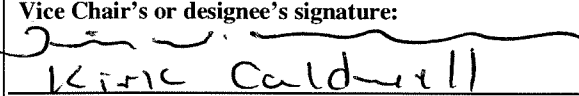
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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1577, HD 1		Date: February 28, 2007		
Committee Referral: EEP, CPC		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
<b>CPC Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	✓			
2. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)				✓
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy		✓		
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.				✓
6. ITO, Ken	✓			
7. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
8. MORITA, Hermina M.	✓			
9. SONSON, Alex M.		✓		
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.		✓		
11. TSUJI, Clift		✓		
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.		✓		
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.		✓		
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.		✓		
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:  Kirk Caldwell				
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