

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2417  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development & Business Concerns and Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2417 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen Hawaii's agriculture industry by initiating planning by the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), for a statewide agricultural cooperative to be established by July 1, 2009.

ADC and Maui County Farm Bureau supported the intent of this bill. Comments were provided by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDAG).

Your Committee heard testimony that ADC, while having the expertise for this project, would lack the resources needed to support the project. Upon further reflection, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Transferring responsibility for planning the formation of a statewide agricultural cooperative from ADC to HDAG;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2034, to encourage further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development & Business Concerns and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2417, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2417, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Economic  
Development & Business Concerns  
and Agriculture,

  
CLIFT TSUJI, Chair

  
KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2417	Committee Referral: EDB/AGR, FIN	Date: 1/29/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	✓			
2. WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.	✓			
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL (12)	12	0	0	0
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: _____				
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