

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2451

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2451 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage the development of commercial taro farming in Hawaii by directing the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, in consultation with native Hawaiian organizations and taro farmers, to establish a commercial taro farming education and training program (Program) through the development of a curriculum that includes education and training opportunities necessary for successful commercial taro farming. In addition, this bill appropriates funds for the Program.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Maui County Farm Bureau, and the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, supported the intent of this measure. The University of Hawaii did not support this bill. Several concerned individuals submitted comments.

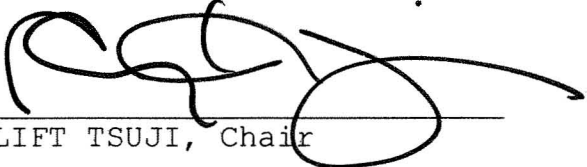
Your Committee is aware of the on-going dialogue between state agencies and taro farmers and other interested stakeholders. This measure is not intended to interfere with these collaborative discussions. Instead, the intent of this measure is to provide additional resources to support, preserve, and protect taro and taro farming in the State.

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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 H.B. No. 2451 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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

  
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CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2451	Committee Referral: AGR, HED, FIN	Date: <del>01/30/08</del> 2/01/08
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.				/
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	/			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
6. HERKES, Robert N.	/			
7. MANAHAN, Joey	/			
8. WAKAI, Glenn	/			
9. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.	/			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose		/		
TOTAL (12)	10	1	0	1

The recommendation is:  Adopted     Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Tom Brower

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