

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2452

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. 2452 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to direct the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, in consultation with the Department of Health, to establish and implement a program to assist and educate commercial taro farmers in establishing new markets to maximize the business viability and success of taro crops. In addition, this bill appropriates funds for the program.

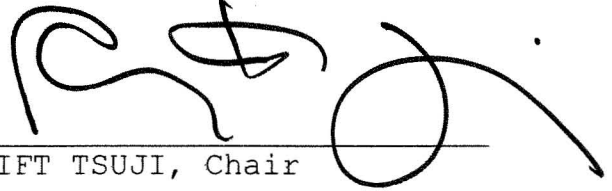
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Maui County Farm Bureau, and the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture and the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center supported the intent of this measure. The University of Hawaii did not support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



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. 2452 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



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

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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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