

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 380

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 14, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 404
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.B. No. 404 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support diversified agriculture in Hawaii by appropriating funds for agricultural research and development conducted by the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF).

The University of Hawaii, HFBF, Maui County Farm Bureau, Kauai County Farm Bureau, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Kauai Coffee Company, Inc., Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Aquaculture Association, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and the Hawaii Coffee Association supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The Attorney General submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation is for a grant, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the HFBF; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity and consistency.



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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. 404, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 404, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



