

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ajil 11, 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 326  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,  
to which was referred H.C.R. No. 326, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVISE A PLAN WITHIN  
ONE YEAR TO TIMELY EXPEDITE THE INTRODUCTION AND DELIVERY OF  
HAWAIIAN CACAO TO THE MARKETPLACE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to establish the  
Cacao Task Force to complete a plan to expedite the production and  
commercialization of Hawaiian cacao.

Fine Chocolate Industry, ecolechocolat, Guittard Chocolate  
Company, Padovani's Chocolate, The Original Hawaiian Chocolate  
Factory, Sweet Paradise Chocolatier, Dole Food Company Hawaii,  
Hawaiian Fudge Sauce Company, and the Windward Ahupuaa Alliance  
supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture and the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources offered comments.

Your Committee recognizes the need to diversify Hawaii's  
economy and revitalize the use of its agricultural lands. Your  
Committee further recognizes that Hawaii has an ideal location for  
growing cacao, and in fact, is the only state in the nation that  
can grow cacao.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the reference to Castle & Cooke with a reference to Dole Food Company Hawaii; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 326, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 326, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development & Business  
Concerns,



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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



