

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.R. No. 270

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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.R. No. 270 entitled:

"HOUSE 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 resolution is to explore the potential of Hawaii-grown cacao as a new industry by requesting that the Department of Agriculture convene a Cacao Task Force to expedite the introduction and delivery of Hawaiian cacao to the U.S. mainland and international marketplace.

The Representative of the Twenty-Seventh House District, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Dole Food Company, and several individuals testified in support of the measure. The Department of Agriculture offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 270, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the

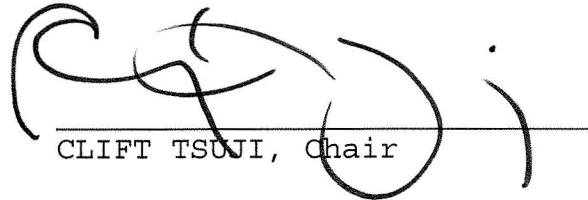
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Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns in the form
attached hereto as H.R. No. 270, H.D. 1.

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


CLIFT TSUJI, Chair

