

Honolulu, Hawaii

April, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 270
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.R. No. 270, H.D. 1, 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 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.

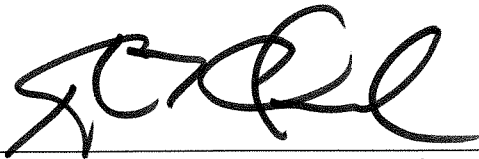


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (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.R. No. 270, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 270, H.D. 2.

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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



