

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2956
S.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2956, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILK,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help ensure that the remaining Hawaii dairy producers are paid a price commensurate with the quality of milk they produce. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Specifies that all Hawaii-produced fresh milk up to 100 percent of the total production quotas for all milk sheds in the state shall be deemed to be used as Class I milk, except under certain conditions;
- (2) Repeals existing provisions that prohibit producers or producer distributors from having milk production quotas that exceed 20 percent of the total quotas established in the state; and
- (3) Requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to:
 - (A) Work with stakeholders in the Hawaii milk production industry to develop short- and long-term initiatives to ensure the availability of fresh milk for Hawaii; and

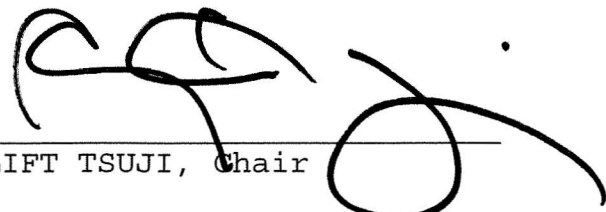


- (B) With the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, prepare and submit a written report and strategic plan setting forth the recommended short- and long-term initiatives to the Legislature.

DOA, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Cloverfield Dairies, and Island Dairy, Inc., supported this bill.

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 S.B. No. 2956, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 1153-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2956, SD 1	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 3/12/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	9	Ø	Ø	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tom Brown</u>				
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