

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1616
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1616, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture to develop the concept of and conduct a feasibility study that includes cost estimates for the establishment of a primary quarantine and laboratory facility for aquatic species used in the Hawaii agricultural industry.

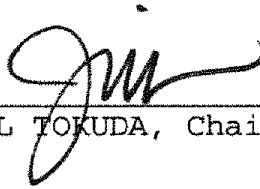
Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Aquaculture Association, Day2 Resources, LLC, Aquatic Innovations, Paradise Shrimp Farm Corp., and two individuals. Testimony in support of the intent of this measure was submitted by the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding as Part II the content of Part II of H.B. No. 1615, S.D. 1, which appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College program for an 'opihi restoration project to obtain a current baseline population of Hawaiian 'opihi throughout the islands. The 'opihi restoration program is planned to be a hatchery-based restocking program which has proven to be the most viable method for enhancing the natural populations of 'opihi.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1616, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1616, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Hawaiian Affairs,



JILL TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
HEE, Clayton	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	5			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *J. Kalani English*

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