

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 23 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 357
H.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 357, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A MULTIPURPOSE, MULTI-USER PROCESSING FACILITY ON THE LAND IN THE EWA, CENTRAL OAHU AREA BEING OFFERED TO THE HAWAII AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS THAT MAKE USE OF LOCALLY-GROWN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to study the feasibility of constructing a multipurpose, multi-user processing facility on the land in the Ewa, central Oahu area being offered to the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, for the production of value-added products that make use of locally-grown agricultural products.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center and one individual.

Your Committees find that the State must explore and support alternative initiatives to increase and grow the agriculture industry in Hawaii. Focus on local agricultural products can result in not only local, but national and even international exposure and sales. Your Committees further find that Campbell Estate has indicated a willingness to donate in excess of one

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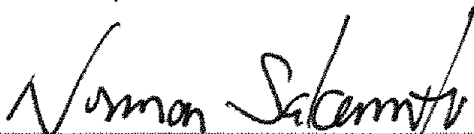
hundred acres of farmland in Ewa for agricultural offices and agribusinesses. This measure requests the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to study the feasibility of constructing a multi-purpose, multi-user processing facility on the aforementioned land for the production of value-added products that utilize locally-grown agricultural products. Your Committees believe that the study is necessary to determine the feasibility and value of such construction and undertaking by the State, which will ultimately help to improve and grow the agriculture industry in Hawaii. Your Committees also recognize the concerns raised by the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center and the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa regarding the cost associated with conducting a study of this magnitude. Although funding cannot be provided pursuant to this measure, your Committees are hopeful that the University can provide funding or make other appropriate efforts to address this important matter.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 357, H.D. 1, and recommend its adoption.

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



JILL TOKUDA, Chair




NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
<i>HR 257, HD1</i>	<i>EDU/AHW</i>	<i>4/18/08</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes