

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2324

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2467  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs and Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2467 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOANS TO ASSIST AGRICULTURAL AND AQUACULTURAL INDUSTRIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a loan program to financially assist agriculture and aquaculture industries in the development of sustainable and renewable energy for their production site use.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Hawaii Aquaculture Association; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; and Hamakua Springs Country Farms. The Department of Agriculture submitted testimony in support of the intent of the measure with recommendations for amendments.

Your Committees find that agriculture and aquaculture are essential industries for the State and that their long term sustainability is vital for the security and well being of the State. The development of renewable and sustainable energy is essential to the sustainability of the agriculture and aquaculture industries.

Agriculture and aquaculture production areas may have natural resources that are available for the production of on-site energy

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production for use on the production facility. However, conventional financing at reasonable rates and terms may not be available for these types of projects.

The Legislature finds that the State should initiate a loan program to assist the agriculture and aquaculture industries in developing sustainable and renewable energy projects for use on their production sites.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by creating new classes of loans for farm and aquaculture sustainable projects to include such things as food safety and traceability issues.

Your Committees further note that while the Department of Agriculture believes that there are sufficient funds in the current loan programs to support the new classes of loans, that if it is determined that this is not the case, then the Department of Agriculture should report back to the Legislature and request that additional funds be appropriated for purposes of this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2467, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2467, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



RON MENOR, Chair



JILL TOKUDA, Chair



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<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	✓			<i>WTK</i>
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			<i>WTK</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>J. Kalani English</i>				
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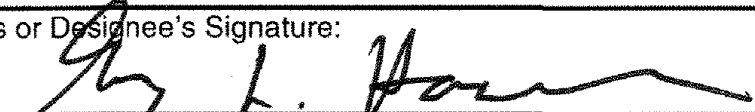
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MENOR, Ron (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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