

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1069

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2009

RE: H.B. No. 242
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs and Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support value-added agricultural operations in Hawaii by authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriating funds to be matched by private sector contributions for the planning, repair, and modification of agricultural facilities on Oahu and Maui.

Your Committee received testimony from five organizations, and one public citizen. Testimony in opposition to this measure was received from one state board. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that diversified agriculture contributes to the State's economy by providing employment opportunities, products for export, and promoting tourism. Additionally, diversified agriculture contributes to quality of life for all Hawaii residents by helping to perpetuate a rural lifestyle that promotes stewardship of Hawaii's land and water. Your Committee finds that assigning more resources to the development and production of value-added agricultural products is necessary to transition Hawaii's agricultural economy from plantations to




diversified agriculture and to ensure the long-term economic success of Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

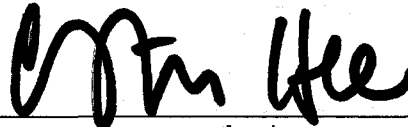
- (1) Adding a section to amend the definition of "agricultural commodities" to include livestock, so as to treat all producers of diversified agriculture equally; and
- (2) Making a minor, nonsubstantive change for the purpose of clarity of language.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 242, 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
Committees on Water, Land,
Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs and Higher Education,



JILL TOKUDA, Chair



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 242, HD 1	Committee Referral: WTL/HRE, WAM	Date: 3/24/09		
<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)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman (VC)				✓
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	103
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