

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1863

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 22, 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 37

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 37 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR A STATE ORGANIC PROGRAM TO UNIFY THE STATE'S ORGANIC CERTIFICATION PRACTICES AND PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to support the long-term viability of organic farming in Hawaii by requesting the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to develop a plan for a state organic program to unify the State's organic certification practices and programs.

Hawaii Cooperative of Organic Farmers supported this measure. DOA and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation submitted comments.

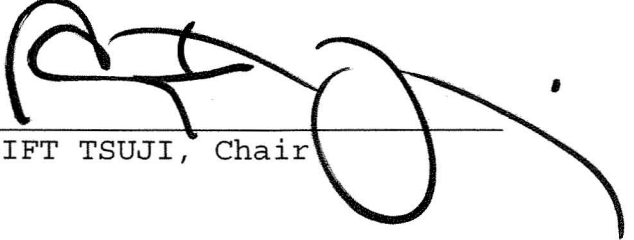
Similar to this measure, your Committee notes that the purpose of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38 is to support the long-term viability of organic farming in Hawaii through the development of a plan to increase aid and assistance for organic farmers. Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Finance to consider combining the provisions of S.C.R. No. 38, as amended by this Committee, with the provisions of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 37 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 37	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 04/17/09		
<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. WOOLEY, Jessica (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.				✓
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy				✓
6. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. TAKAI, K. Mark				
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
11. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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