STAND. COM. REP. NO. 559 -10

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 26 , 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2290
     H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No.
2290, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide a dedicated source of
funding for the State's agricultural commodity inspection
activities, by among other things:

(1) Establishing an Agriculture Inspection and Certification
     Special Fund (Special Fund) for that purpose, to receive
     fees, fines, and penalties, federal funds, grants and
     gifts, and other moneys obtained in connection with
     agricultural inspection and certification;

(2) Repealing the Certification Services Revolving Fund and
     transferring its moneys and obligations to the Special
     Fund;

(3) Requiring the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to impose
     or increase fees by rule at levels sufficient to pay the
     operating costs of agricultural inspection and
     certification, and providing statutory rates effective
     if DOA fails to adopt rules; and

(4)   Appropriating $1,400,000 in general revenues for the Agriculture Inspection and Certification Program for fiscal year 2010-2011.
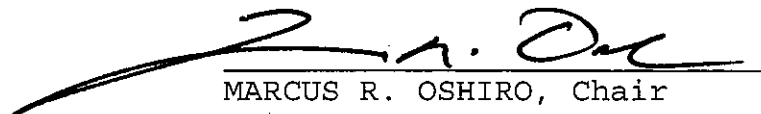
The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Monsato Hawaii, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance; Hawaii Government Employees' Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, and Hawaii Crop Improvement Association provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

(1)   Changing the appropriation from $1,400,000 to an unspecified amount;

(2)   Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and

(3)   Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2290, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2290, H.D. 2.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2290, HD1	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/18/10

❑ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ❑ Pass, unamended (as is) ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD) ❑ Hold
❑ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✔			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✔			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✔
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✔			
5. BROWER, Tom	✔			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	✔			
7. COFFMAN, Denny	✔			
8. HAR, Sharon E.	✔			
9. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✔			
10. LEE, Chris	✔			
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✔			
12. SAGUM, Roland D., III				✔
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✔			
14. WOOLEY, Jessica	✔			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✔			
16. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✔			
17. WARD, Gene	✔			
TOTAL (17)	15	0	0	2

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ❑ Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _Mary B Lee_

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