

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 2, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2291

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2291 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Department of Agriculture's (DOA) Measurement Standards Program (Program) to be financially self-supporting by:

- (1) Establishing the Weights and Measurements Special Fund, to consist of fees and other moneys to be used for the cost of administering the Program; and
- (2) Requiring the Board of Agriculture to adopt or amend rules relating to fees to be charged under chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Measurement Standards.

Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and Monsanto Hawaii supported this bill. DOA and Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments.

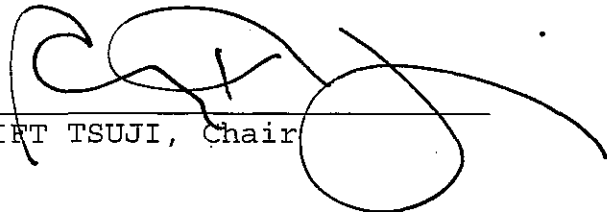
Your Committee finds that this bill provides a means, during these difficult economic times, of continuing to protect the public and support Hawaii's agriculture industries through DOA's agricultural inspection activities.



Your Committee has changed the effective date of this bill to January 20, 2020, to encourage further discussion. Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2291, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2291, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



