

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

843

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 318  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 318  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOG,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist farmers impacted by vog  
by requiring the Department of Agriculture (DOA), in consultation  
with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and  
Human Resources (CTAHR), to conduct comprehensive research to  
determine the best methods for employing vog treatments and find  
specific varieties of crops more resistant to the effects of vog.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation testified in support of  
this bill. The State of Hawaii Department of Defense testified in  
opposition to this measure. DOA and CTAHR commented on this bill.

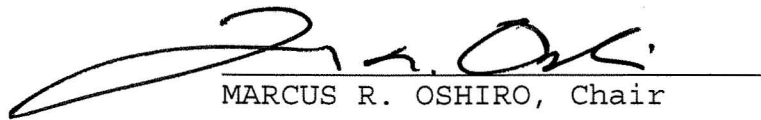
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to  
encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 318, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 318, H.D. 1.

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

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



