

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

414

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1153  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 1153 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the permitted uses of land within the agricultural district with soil classifications of A or B to include educational facilities and agricultural appurtenances.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by Kamehameha Schools. Testimony in opposition of this measure was submitted by the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Thousand Friends. Comments on this measure were submitted by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting. Written testimony presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that enabling a farming operation in an agricultural district with soil classifications of A or B to provide the community and children with an educational opportunity is a tremendous benefit for our society. Your Committee also finds that preserving Hawaii's farming tradition and culture through education in a manner that does not interfere with the surrounding environment is a win-win situation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Deleting educational facilities as a permitted use of the agricultural land;
- (2) Allowing educational appurtenances of a farming operation to be a permitted use on the agricultural land; and
- (3) Adding agricultural education programs conducted on a farming operation as defined in section 165-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the education and participation of the general public as a permitted use of the agricultural land.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1153, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1153, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development and Technology,

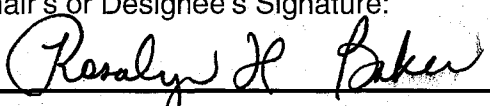


CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Economic Development and Technology**  
**EDT**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB1153	EDT, NTL	2-18-09		
<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
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
HEE, Clayton				✓
IGE, David Y.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	-	-	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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