

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **101**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1317
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 Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1317 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to abolish the Agribusiness Development Corporation and transfer its responsibilities and functions to the Department of Agriculture.

Testimony in opposition of this measure was submitted by two state agencies and five organizations. Copies of written testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that with the economic downturn affecting the state budget, a comprehensive reexamination of the structure of the state government is necessary to ensure that all available avenues have been explored to accomplish more with fewer resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by amending the effective date to July 1, 2050 for the purpose of encouraging further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1317, as amended herein, and

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recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1317, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton Hee", is written over a horizontal line.

CLAYTON HEE, Chair



