

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

719

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1570

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1570, 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 assist livestock farmers in remaining financially viable by:

- (1) Appropriating funds for the Livestock Revitalization Program (Program) to reimburse qualified producers of milk, pork, eggs, poultry, and beef for feed costs; and
- (2) Expanding the scope of eligible farmers for the Program by including a qualified producer of goat milk with a herd of at least 25 lactating milking goats.

The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Mikilua Poultry Farm Inc., Dole Food Company Hawaii, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. A concerned individual opposed this measure. The Department of Agriculture submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amounts to unspecified amounts;

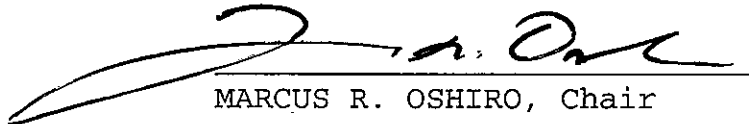
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- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 1570, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1570, H.D. 2.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



