

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 886

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 285
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. 285, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide a dedicated source of funding for the Department of Agriculture's (DOA) Measurement Standards Branch by establishing the Weights and Measurements Special Fund (Special Fund). In addition, this bill:

- (1) Requires DOA to adopt new rules or amend existing rules to impose or increase fees authorized to be charged under the Measurement Standards Program to generate sufficient revenues to pay for the operation and maintenance costs of the Program; and
- (2) Appropriates funds to be deposited into the Special Fund and used for the Measurement Standards Program.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance and DOA submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the provisions requiring DOA to adopt or amend rules to impose or increase fees authorized to be charged under the Measurement Standards Program;

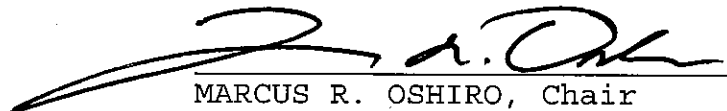
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- (2) Statutorily establishing a schedule of fees authorized under the Program to be effective October 1, 2011;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 285, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 285, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



