

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

422

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 325
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 325, 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 local farmers in selling their produce by appropriating funds for the establishment of a refrigerated food storage facility at the Hilo International Airport.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supported the intent of this bill. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation provided comments.

As a large diversified agricultural farming industry continues to emerge on the island of Hawaii, facilities to maintain the integrity of these products prior to transportation are important to the viability of this industry. Hilo International Airport is an ideal site for such a facility.

However, the proposed facility is sited on lands under the primary jurisdiction of DOT. DOT is supportive of this facility provided that there is adequate space for the facility in a location that will work with the airport master plan and the operators of the facility pay fair market value rent under a lease with DOT set by appraisal. According to DOT, it must charge rent and cannot subsidize such a facility because federal law prohibits

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the use of airport funds for revenues unrelated to the capital and operating costs of the airport, the airport system, or facilities devoted to air transportation.

Your Committee encourages DOT to continue discussions on this matter with the Department of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 325, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 325, HD1	Committee Referral: AGR, TRN, FIN	Date: 2/9/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
9. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
10. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
11. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
TOTAL (11)	11			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u> Linda Ichiyama </u>				
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