

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1155
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 1155 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL LEASE TASK FORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Long-Term Agricultural Lease Task Force within the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; the Hawaii Farmers Union; the Hawai'i Island School Garden Network; the Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter; Meleanas Farm; the Kaua'i School Garden Network; and twelve individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual.

Your Committee finds that limitations on lease terms affect the ability of small farmers and agricultural enterprises to pursue innovative solutions in the field of diversified agriculture. Developing a plan and recommendations to expand the availability of long-term leases that are favorable to small farmers and agricultural enterprise will improve community investment in long-term food sustainability in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding to the membership of the Task Force a representative from:

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- (1) Kamehameha Schools;
- (2) Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.; and
- (3) Grove Farm Company, Inc.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1155, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1155, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

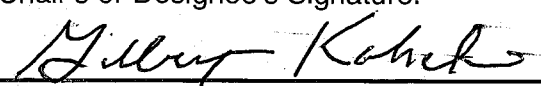
Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1155	Committee Referral: AGL, WAM	Date: 2-8-11		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes