

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

777

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1155
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1155, S.D. 1, 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 increase food sustainability in Hawaii by establishing a long-term agricultural lease task force to develop a plan for expanding the availability of long-term leases to small farms and agricultural enterprises.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Dr. Sabry Shehata, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Hawaii at Hilo; Juanita C. Kawamoto Brown, Subcommittee Chair, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and one hundred four individuals.

Your Committee received comments on the measure from Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson, Board of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that small farmers and locally based agricultural enterprises play an important role in achieving food sustainability. Developing a plan and making recommendations to expand the availability of long-term leases that are favorable to small farmers and agricultural enterprises will help these groups pursue innovative solutions in the field of diversified agriculture.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that private entities will be invited to serve on the task force;
- (2) Clarifying that the task force is to submit its final findings and recommendations, rather than reporting its progress, to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2012;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1155, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1155, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1155, SD1	AGL, WAM	3-1-11		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	13	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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