

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 247  
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. 247 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a natural farming grant program through the Department of Agriculture to award grants to agricultural producers who utilize the Cho Global Natural Farming Methodology.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Paradise Meadows Orchard and Bee Farm; Alluvion, Inc.; the Partners in Development Foundation; Mountain View Dairy; Ho'ea Agricultural Park; the Dragon's Eye Learning Center; Alikamaui, LLC and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the Cho Global Natural Farming Method is a distinctive approach to natural farming that is safe for the environment and can improve product yield and quality while reducing production costs and water consumption.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing a definition of "Cho Global Natural Farming Methodology"; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 247, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 247, 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,

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



