

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1570  
H.D. 2  
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1570, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to assist the livestock industry to stabilize its operations by:

- (1) Making qualified producers of goat milk eligible for the Livestock Revitalization Program, which provides reimbursements for a percentage of feed expenses; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to reimburse qualified beef, cattle, dairy, hog, poultry, and goat farms under the Livestock Revitalization Program and for administrative costs of the program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson, Board of Agriculture; Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser, President, Mikilua Poultry Farm, Inc.; Jeffrey Peterson, Manager, Land O Lakes Purina Feeds; Roy Kaneshiro, Owner, K. K. Poultry Farm, Inc.; Sharon Peterson Cheape, Vice President, Hawaii Egg Producers Cooperative and Petersons' Upland Farm; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that feed is very costly for livestock producers in Hawaii. Several local dairies and egg farms have



already gone out of business, primarily due to the rising cost of feed for livestock animals and the resulting increase in production costs.

With additional financial support, fewer livestock production companies will go out of business, the livestock industry will be able to grow its operations, and the State will continue to reduce its dependence on imported foods.

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 H.B. No. 1570, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.


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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1570, HD2, SD1	AGL, WAM	3-30-11		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	<del>/</del>	/		
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn			/	
SLOM, Sam			/	
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	1	2	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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