

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 280
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 280, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to remove:

- (1) The requirement that the Department of Agriculture inspect and certify all Hawaii-grown green coffee beans unless otherwise specified by the Department's Rules; and
- (2) The prohibition on shipping Hawaii-grown green coffee beans outside of the area of geographic origin unless they have been inspected by the Department of Agriculture.

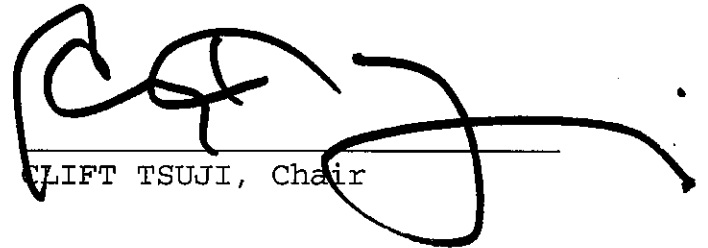
The Department of Agriculture; Maui County Farm Bureau; Onouli Farm, LLC; Kauai Coffee Company, LLC; Hawaii Coffee Growers Association; Coffees of Hawaii- Molokai; Greenwell Farms, Inc.; and numerous individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and Ka'u Farm Bureau submitted testimony in support of the intent of this measure. North Shore Farms, LLC; Kona Rising Coffee Co.; Daily Fix Coffee; and several individuals opposed this measure. Hawaii Farmers Union United and an individual submitted comments on this measure.



Your Committee requests that your Committee on Finance further examine the issue of counterfeit agricultural commodities.

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 H.B. No. 280, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ELIOT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HSCR 585-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 280, HD 1	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/16/12		
<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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen L.	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
11. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
TOTAL (11)	11	0	0	0
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: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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