

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

271

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 947  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 947 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support farmers who implement the Cho global natural farming methodology by requiring the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to establish the Natural Farming Grant Program.

Partners in Development Foundation and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. DOA supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committees note that this measure contains a provision establishing an unspecified limit on the dollar amount of grants that may be awarded under the Program. Your Committees will continue to work to determine an appropriate "cap" for the grant awards. In addition, your Committees note that existing programs such as the New Farmer Loan Program, which provides low-interest loans to qualified applicants, offer another funding source for farmers interested in natural farming.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and

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

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and International Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 947, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 947, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
International Affairs,

  
KAREN L. AWANA, Chair

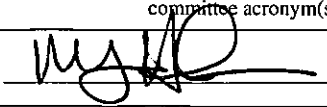
  
CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 947	Committee Referral: AGR/INT, FIN	Date: 2/4/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)	X			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	X			
3. AWANA, Karen L.	X			
4. BROWER, Tom	.			X
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	X			
6. EVANS, Cindy	X			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	X			
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				X
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				X
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	X			
11. RIVIERE, Gil	X			
TOTAL (11)	8	0	0	3
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: 				
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INT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AWANA, Karen L. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom				✓
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				✓
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
11. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
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