

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2292

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2272

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2272 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VAPOR HEAT TREATMENT FACILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the construction of a vapor heat treatment facility by the Agribusiness Development Corporation on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Diversified Ag Products, Inc.; Calavo Growers, Inc.; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Hawaii Farmers Union; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Rainbow Products and Diamond Heat Papaya Co., Ltd.

Your Committee finds that many of the tropical fruits grown in Hawaii cannot be transported to markets on the mainland or other countries that prohibit the entry of fruit fly hosts without quarantine treatment. Your Committee further finds that vapor heat treatment is lethal to pests such as fruit flies.

While your Committee understands that this measure may help to increase the amount of tropical fruits that Hawaii may export, your Committee notes that there are already four existing vapor heat treatment facilities in Hawaii and that the Agribusiness Development Corporation plans to partner with a processor and distributor on the island of Hawaii to operate a new vapor heat



facility if funds are appropriated for its construction. Although it was reported that the existing vapor heat treatment facilities may be operating below full capacity, your Committee is concerned that an additional vapor heat treatment facility may be unnecessary and may actually hurt Hawaii's papaya industry by saturating the market and driving prices down for Hawaii-grown papaya.

Your Committee hopes that there will be continued discussion on the need for an additional vapor heat treatment facility as this measure progresses.

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. 2272 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

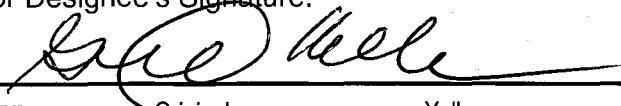


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
6B2272	AGL, WAM	2/14/12		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	<del>✓</del>	✓		
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	1	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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