

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2135

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2354

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. 2354 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish criminal penalties for failure to maintain a certificate of ownership or other written proof of ownership of agricultural commodities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Hawaii Farmers Union; and W.H. Shipman, Limited. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that agricultural theft is a serious problem for many farmers in the State and existing laws are not stringent enough to stop potential thieves. This measure may serve as a greater deterrent of agricultural theft by making the failure to maintain certificates of ownership or other written proof of ownership of agricultural commodities a criminal offense.

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. 2354 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.



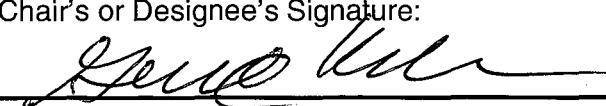
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,

Clarence K Nishihara
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:		
SB 2354	AGL, JDL	2/7/12		
<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	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	6	0	0	3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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