

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2732

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2692  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2692, 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 promote agricultural development in Hawaii and implement programs that support food security and safety by creating the agricultural development and food security program within the Department of Agriculture.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's diversified agricultural industry must contend with global competition, threats from invasive pests, sustainability issues, and the need to maintain food security for the State. A collaborative approach between private industry and government is needed to develop and implement strategies that will help maintain Hawaii's agriculture industry and ensure its competitiveness both here and abroad. Accordingly, your Committee finds that the creation of an agricultural development and food security program will provide needed coordination, research, and support for the agriculture industry in Hawaii that will enable the industry to grow sustainably.

Your Committee notes that this measure designates the agricultural development and food security special fund,

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established in section 141-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as a source of funding for the agricultural development and food security program. However, section 141-10 will be repealed on June 30, 2015, pursuant to Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by adding a section that amends section 14 of Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, to make the agricultural development and food security special fund permanent by removing the sunset date for the fund.

Your Committee has also made technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 2692, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2692, S.D. 2.

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

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2692, SDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AGL, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2-23-12</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Michelle N. Kidani</i></div>				
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