

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 487  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 487 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support local agriculture by:

- (1) Expanding livestock feed subsidies to include feed for goats, sheep, lamb, fish, and crustaceans; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to reimburse qualified agricultural producers and to pay the administrative costs of the livestock revitalization program.

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Local Food Coalition; Ulu Pono Initiative; Waimalu Valley Ranch; and one individual testified in support of this measure. Animal Rights Hawai'i testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Agriculture provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and



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

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. 487, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 487, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

**HSCR 126**

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 407</b> <del>HB 407</del> <b>RU40</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, FIN</b>	Date: <b>01/31/13</b>		
<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. WOOLEY, Jessica (C)	✓			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.				✓
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. CHEAPE, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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