

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **648**

Honolulu, Hawaii  
**February 28**, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 747  
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 747, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

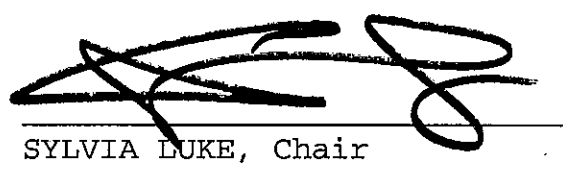
The purpose of this measure is to provide a General Excise Tax exemption for amounts received for the slaughter and processing of poultry and livestock produced in the State and to be consumed in the State.

Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Ulupono Initiative; and a few individuals testified in support of this measure. Animal Rights Hawaii and two individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of the Attorney General, Department of Taxation, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 747, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



