

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 749

H.D. 2

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. 749, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide for the development of a robust agricultural industry and workforce in the State.

Specifically, the measure establishes the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board to:

- (1) Develop the next generation of the agricultural industry workforce in the State;
- (2) Maintain and support the National FFA Organization within the State; and
- (3) Recommend projects and programs to promote the expansion and development of the agricultural industry in the State.

One individual testified in support of the measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that it is the policy of the State to promote economically competitive activities that increase Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency, attractiveness, and opportunities

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for an agricultural workforce and livelihood. Your Committee believes that establishing the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board will expand the successful collaborations developed between the public sector and private businesses to promote a more competitive and better trained agricultural workforce.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Placing the Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for administrative purposes;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making a technical nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of style and consistency.

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. 749, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 749, H.D. 2.

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



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



