

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

283

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 96  
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. 96 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage and support the growth of new, small, and diversified farming businesses by creating a tax exemption for the first \$50,000 of income for family farms, family farm communities, and family farm cooperatives.

Life of the Land, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Taxation, Babes Against Biotech.org, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Occupy Monsanto, Respiratory & Environmental Disabilities Association of Hawaii, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and numerous individuals provided comments on this measure.

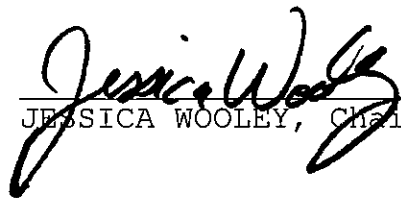
Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the date for which the tax exemption shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

HB96 HD1 HSCR AGR HMS 2013-1936



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. 96, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 96, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
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JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB96</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/11/13</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.	<i>WR EXC</i>			✓
5. CHOY, Isaac W.			✓	
6. OHNO, Takashi		✓		
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
9. TSUJI, Clift		✓		
10. CHEAPE, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	6	2	1	2
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: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>				
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