

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1007

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 21, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 326
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 326, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote food safety by:

- (1) Establishing a Good Agricultural Practices Task Force to identify and develop guidelines aimed at ensuring effective food safety and agricultural practices throughout the farm-to-consumer food supply system; and
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified amount for the administrative costs of the Task Force.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and an individual testified in support of this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that at least one of the four Good Agricultural Practices Task Force members representing agricultural producers statewide shall represent the interests of organic farmers;

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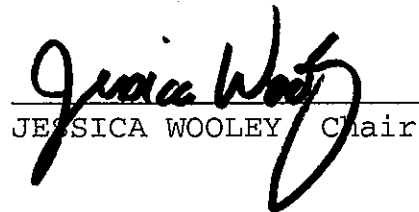
- (2) Adding a member representing the interests of farmers' markets to the Good Agricultural Practices Task Force; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 326, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 326, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Health,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



