

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2013

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

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 326 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to mitigate health and food risks in the food production process.

More specifically, this measure establishes and appropriates funds for a task force to identify and develop good agricultural practices and preventative measure guidelines to ensure safe food throughout the farm-to-consumer food supply system.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

Your Committee finds that food safety is an important concern for the State, and it is critical to ensure that the process of food production is as safe as possible. Your Committee also finds that the task force established in this measure would identify and develop the agricultural practices necessary to address the food safety and health concerns of consumers in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing for representatives from the wholesale distribution, manufacturing, retail, hotel, and

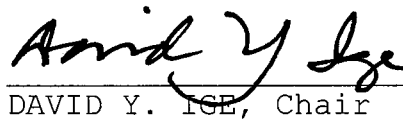


restaurant industries to serve as members of the task force;

- (2) Changing the appropriation for task force administrative costs to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the dissolution date of the task force from December 31, 2013, to July 1, 2014, to facilitate participation of the task force during the 2014 Regular Session;
- (4) Changing the effective date, to July 1, 2050, to further discussion on the measure; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 326, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 326, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB326</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-14-13</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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