

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

237

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2013

RE: S.B. No. 592  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Education and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 592 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to operate and implement the Future Farmers of America and 4-H programs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii 4-H Livestock Association, Kohala Center, Lahainaluna Future Farmers of America, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Hui O Malama Aina, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Local Food Coalition, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, National Future Farmers of America Organization, and four individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committees find that it is imperative that the State engage youth in agricultural education programs, such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America, to promote interest in agricultural endeavors. This is exceptionally critical at this time given that the average age of farmers in the State is approximately sixty years, and promoting the next generation of farmers is a critical step toward increasing Hawaii's self-sustainability and food resiliency.



After discussion, Your Committees recommend that if your Committee on Ways and Means elect to schedule this measure for a hearing that they solicit comments from the Department of Education and the University of Hawaii regarding the amount of funds needed and the feasibility of the agencies to implement the foregoing programs. Your Committees are concerned that the appropriation expended for these two programs will be insufficient to fulfill this measure's mandate.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the specific appropriation amounts in sections 2 and 3 of the measure;
- (2) Specifying in section 2 that the appropriation is for the Department of Education to fund the Future Farmers of America program only;
- (3) Specifying in section 3 that the appropriation is for the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to fund the 4-H program only; and
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Education and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 592, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 592, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Education and Higher Education,



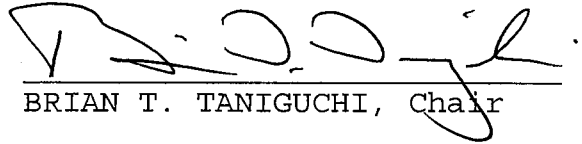
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



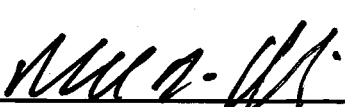
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BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture**  
**AGL**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB592	AGL/EDU/HRE, WAM	2/6/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
SLOM, Sam				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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