

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 976

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 14, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 595  
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 Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 595, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to include milk, poultry, eggs, poultry carcass, poultry meat, and aquaculture and aquaponics products to be consumed within the State, whether imported or processed within the State, to the agricultural commodities that are exempt from the State's general excise tax on amounts received for loading, transportation, and unloading.

Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Food Industry Association, and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation testified in support of this measure. One concerned individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Taxation, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding beef and beef carcasses; goat meat and goat carcasses; lamb meat and lamb carcasses; and sheep meat and sheep carcasses to the definition of agricultural commodities to be exempt from the general excise tax laws; and

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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 595, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 595, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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>SB595, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, CPC, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3-11-13</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.				✓
5. CHOY, Isaac W.				✓
6. OHNO, Takashi				✓
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. CHEAPE, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>3</b>
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: _____ 				
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