

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1168

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 595
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred S.B. No. 595, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist Hawaii's
agricultural industry by including beef and beef carcasses; goat
meat and goat carcasses; lamb meat and lamb carcasses; sheep meat
and sheep carcasses; milk; poultry; eggs; poultry meat and poultry
carcasses; 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 these commodities for interstate
transport.

Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaii Farm Bureau
Federation; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Ulupono Initiative;
4 Ag Hawaii; and a few concerned individuals supported this
measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Taxation,
and Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association supported the
intent of this measure. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered
comments.

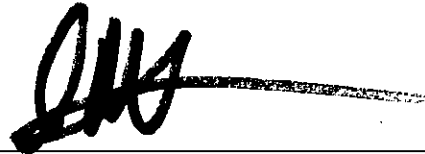
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Your Committee has amended this measure by adding swine meat and swine carcasses as agricultural commodities included in the exemption from the general excise tax on amounts received for loading, transportation, and unloading these commodities for interstate transport.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 595, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 595, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



