

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2013

RE: S.B. No. 993  
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 Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 993 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to modify the new farmer loan program under the Department of Agriculture to promote the development of innovative technologies and new farm enterprises.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that a major concern regarding the sustainability of agriculture in Hawaii is a lack of agricultural entrepreneurs. This is especially pressing due to the fact that the average age of a farm operator in Hawaii is approximately 59 years. This measure will provide the needed capital for new farmers to start farming operations or to farmers interested in testing new crops or techniques.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 993, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 993, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

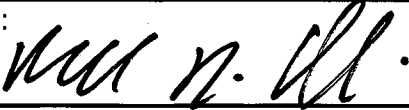
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture,

  
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB993	AGL, WAM	2/12/13		
<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
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>	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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