Honolulu, Hawaii

February 27, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1534 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1534, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE INNOVATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to nurture agricultural innovation to develop a more significant food-focused agricultural industry by establishing the Agriculture Innovation Grant Program to fund start-up agricultural businesses developing innovations for:

- (1) Feed production;
- (2) Food waste recycling;
- (3) On-farm energy efficiency;
- (4) Soil health and conservation;
- (5) Food production;
- (6) Food processing; and
- (7) Marketing for food products.

The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Kuahiwi Ranch, Energy Excelerator, Ulupono Initiative, and three concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance, High Technology Development Corporation, Ama, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and a concerned individual commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1534, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE. Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:		Date:	
HB1534 HD1	AGR/EDB, FIN		02/20/14	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members		yes Ayes (W	(R) Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. ING, Kaniela				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
10. MORIKAWA, Dee				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOODSON, Justin H.				
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
17. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (17)				
The recommendation is: Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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