

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 13, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1535
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 Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1535, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support agricultural education in Hawaii by requiring the Department of Agriculture to issue a request for proposals, that includes rules and guidelines to administer the program, for local non-profit organizations that have a demonstrated capacity in youth-oriented service programming for agriculture to establish, develop, and implement a Hawaii Youth Agricultural Corps.

The Kohala Center-Hawaii Island School Garden Network, University of Hawaii PALS and PLACES Program, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported the intent of the bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1535, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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

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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



