

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1990

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1990 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the food safety aspect of the State's goal for food sustainability and self-sufficiency by establishing the Hawaii Good Agricultural Practices Program for farms growing food products. Specifically, the Program will:

- (1) Develop science- and risk-based good agricultural practices that reasonably reduce the potential for on-farm food borne illness;
- (2) Develop cost- and time-effective programs to educate and train farmers in good agricultural practices;
- (3) Provide for a voluntary verification of good agricultural practices compliance certification procedure; and
- (4) Develop a consumer information program to teach home practices for the treatment and handling of agricultural food products.



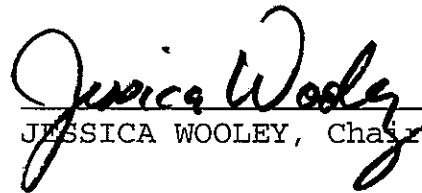
The bill also appropriates an unspecified amount for the Program.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Local Food Coalition, Maui School Garden Network, Kohala Center-HISGN, Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association, and a few concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure.

Should the Committee on Finance deliberate on this bill, your Committee respectfully request that the sum of \$1,000,000 be appropriated for the Hawaii Good Agricultural Practices Program.

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 H.B. No. 1990 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSR 447-14

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1990</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/6/2014</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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. AWANA, Karen	/			
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
7. OHNO, Takashi	/			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
9. TSUJI, Clift	/			
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
11. WARD, Gene	/			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>11</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: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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