

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2468

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development & Business and
Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2468 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to continue to support
agriculture as an economic driver in the State, particularly for
the island of Hawaii, through growth and diversification of the
agricultural industry. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Authorizes the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism, in collaboration with the
Department of Agriculture, to perform:
 - (A) Planning and feasibility studies for one or more
quarantine inspection, quarantine treatment,
deconsolidation, and consolidation facilities on
the island of Hawaii; and
 - (B) A marketing and economic impact analysis for one or
more of the facilities;
- (2) Requires the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism to submit a report to the
Legislature on the studies and analysis; and
- (3) Appropriates funds for the economic analysis.



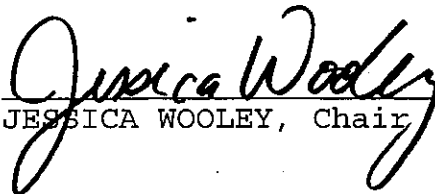
The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and two concerned individuals testified in support of this bill.

Agriculture has been, and continues to be, a major economic driver for the Island of Hawaii. In the Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy report prepared by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, it was determined that Hawaii Island's strong orientation toward diversified agriculture would be greatly served by the development of a central marketing facility for collection, consolidation, packing, and shipping of agricultural products. Development of such a facility would go a long way toward strengthening the economy of the Island of Hawaii as well as the State.

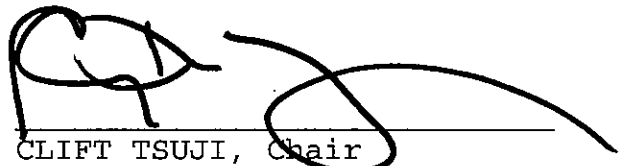
Should the Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure, your Committees respectfully request that it consider appropriating \$200,000 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to perform the planning, marketing, and economic analysis contained in this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development & Business and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2468 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development & Business and
Agriculture,



JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



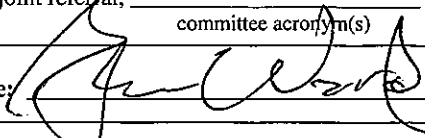
CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2408	Committee Referral: EDB/AGE, FIN	Date: 2/7/14		
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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)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. WARD, Gene (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen	/			
4. BROWER, Tom				/
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.				/
6. ITO, Ken	/			
7. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
8. OHNO, Takashi	/			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				/
11. WOOLEY, Jessica				/
TOTAL (11)	7			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2468	Committee Referral: EDB/AGR, FIN	Date: 2/7/14		
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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	/			
TOTAL (11)	7			4
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