

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 123

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 6, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 503  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 503 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a General Excise Tax exemption on amounts received by farmers for the sale of fresh farm produce intended for consumption within the State.

The Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Taxation, the Department of the Attorney General, and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee amended this measure by:

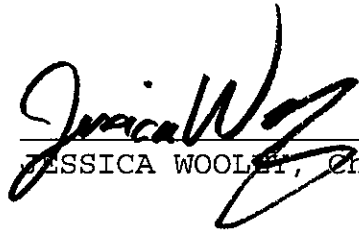
- (1) Changing the effective date of the exemption to apply to gross income or gross proceeds received after December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

HB503 HD1 HSCR AGR HMS 2013-1686



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. 503, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 503, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
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JESSICA WOOLER, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 503</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, FIN</b>	Date: <b>01/31/13</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.				✓
5. CHOY, Isaac W.			✓	
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		✓		
9. TSUJI, Clift		✓		
10. CHEAPE, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	7	2	1	1
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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