

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

994

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2013

RE: H.B. No. 749
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 749, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote economically competitive activities that increase Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency, attractiveness, and workforce opportunities by creating and appropriating funds for the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, National Future Farmers of America Organization, and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Kohala Center.

Your Committees find that a robust agricultural workforce is critical to building a self-sustaining agricultural industry in Hawaii. Since the average age of farmers in Hawaii is approximately sixty years old, the State must promote and train future leaders in the agricultural sector to ensure that Hawaii will have a thriving agricultural industry in the future.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

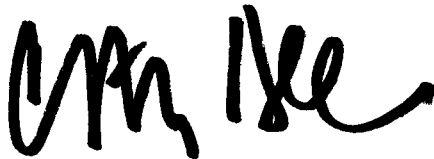
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- (1) Clarifying that the President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, rather than a representative, shall be a member of the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board;
- (2) Specifying that section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall apply to the selection of members of the advisory board as appropriate;
- (3) Replacing the abbreviation "FFA" with "Future Farmers of America"; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 749, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 749, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Judiciary and Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 749, HD2	AGL/JDL, WAM	3/19/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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