

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2039

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 Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2039 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the
University of Hawaii for its cooperative extension service to
improve education regarding agricultural sciences and food safety.

The Ulupono Initiative supported the bill. The Department of
Agriculture and College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
Resources at the University of Hawaii supported the intent of the
measure.

Your Committee amended the bill by:

- (1) No longer specifying that the appropriation must be used
to improve education regarding agricultural sciences and
food safety;
- (2) Providing that the appropriation will not lapse until
June 30, 2016;



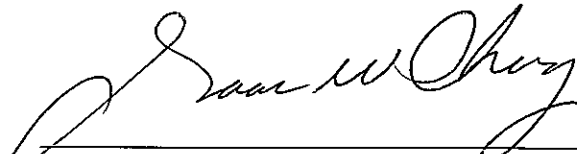
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2525, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii testified that an appropriation of \$520,000 would fund the following positions:

- (1) One full-time (1.0 FTE) food crops agent in the City and County of Honolulu;
- (2) One full-time (1.0 FTE) sustainable agriculture agent in Hawaii County;
- (3) One full-time (1.0 FTE) livestock agent in Maui County; and
- (4) One full-time (1.0 FTE) sustainable agriculture agent in Kauai County.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2039, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2039, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



