

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 26 2013

RE: S.B. No. 993
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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

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

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 993, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to expand the Department of Agriculture's agricultural loan program by adding farm innovation loans and expanding eligibility for new farmer loans.

Your Committee on Conference finds that there is a need to encourage younger generations to enter into the agricultural field if Hawaii is going to increase its food security and sustainability. Currently, the approximate age of farmers in Hawaii is fifty-nine years old. By expanding eligibility for new farmer loans and expanding new farmer loans to include farm innovation loans, this measure will incentivize and encourage young farmers to enter the agricultural field. By creating loans for farm innovation, this



measure will also encourage current farmers to experiment with new crops and techniques to improve agricultural diversity and efficiency.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

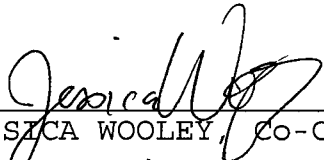
- (1) Removing the establishment of a low interest biosecurity loan program to assist the livestock industry and deleting all references to class I biosecurity project loans, including the definition of "biosecurity";
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2013; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 993, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 993, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

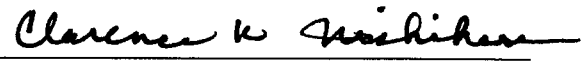
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



 JESSICA WOOLEY, Co-Chair




 CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



 CLIFF TSUJI, Co-Chair



 RONALD D. KOUCHI, Co-Chair



 RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, Co-Chair



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Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
NISHIHARA, Clarence K., Chr.	/				WOOLEY, Jessica, Co-Chr.	/			
IGE, David Y., ████████				/	TSUJI, Clift, Co-Chr.				/
KOUCHI, Ronald D., Co-Chr.	/				ONISHI, Richard H.K., Co-Chr.	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/				OHNO, Takashi				/
SLOM, Sam				/	CHEAPE, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2	TOTAL	3	0	0	2

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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