

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1407

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4

, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 993  
S.D. 2  
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 993, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support local farming by expanding the agricultural loan program offered by the Department of Agriculture by:

- (1) Expanding eligibility for new farmer loans and expanding the allowable purposes of this class of loans to include farm innovations; and
- (2) Authorizing a new class of loans for biosecurity projects to protect the health of humans and farm animals.


The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Farmer's Union United, and several individuals testified in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 993, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

SB993 HD1 HSCR FIN HMS 2013-3097



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sylvia Luke", written over a horizontal line.

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



