

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

677

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1039

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1039 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE LOCAL AND IMMIGRANT FARMER EDUCATION PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Local and Immigrant Farmer Education Program of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service to support the growth and sustainability of the local agricultural industry.

The Land Use Research Foundation; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Matsuda-Fukuyama Farms, Inc.; and many individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture and the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources submitted comments.

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 H.B. No. 1039 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



