

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1997

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1997 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the expansion and development of the State's agricultural industry by:

- (1) Establishing the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative Program (Program) in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to conduct training sessions in agricultural self-sufficiency for teachers and school administrators on the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kauai; and
- (2) Making an appropriation for the Program.

The Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Agriculture, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii testified in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1997 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



