

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 29, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1999
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1999, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

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 address the high cost of feed and the lack of local feed mills in Hawaii by:

- (1) Establishing and funding a grant program within the existing Livestock Revitalization Program for Qualified Feed Developers to cover a percentage of the development cost of feed sold to Qualified Producers;
- (2) Appropriating funds to reimburse Qualified Producers of specified livestock, fish, and crustaceans to offset feed costs; and

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- (3) Requiring and appropriating funds for the Department of Agriculture to conduct a survey to identify, assess, and validate locally sourced feed ingredients that are available to Qualified Feed Developers.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

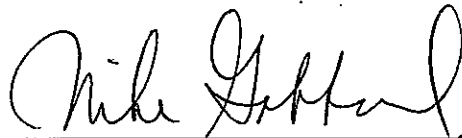
- (1) Specifying the appropriation amount of:
- (A) \$1,000,000 to reimburse Qualified Producers; and
 - (B) \$1,000,000 to reimburse Qualified Feed Developers;
- (2) Deleting the requirement and funding for the Department of Agriculture to conduct a survey of locally sourced feed ingredients;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2016; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1999, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1999, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

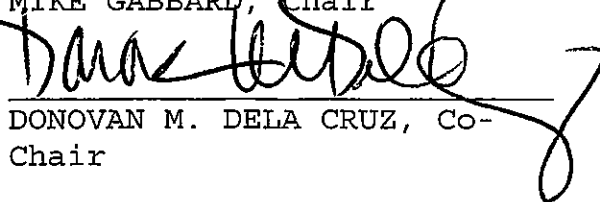
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

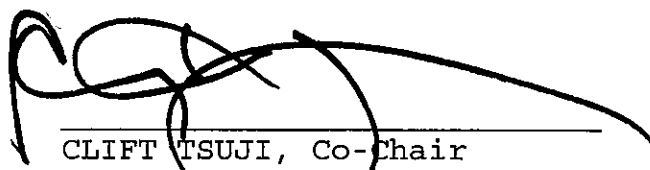
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