

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3522

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1999, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to reduce the costs of production for the State's livestock and aquaculture industries.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a grant program for qualified feed developers;
- (2) Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture's Livestock Revitalization Program, to be allocated to reimburse qualified producers and qualified feed developers for certain feed-related costs; and
- (3) Appropriates funds to 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 received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and Ulupono Initiative.

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Your Committee recognizes that the Hawaii livestock industry consistently identifies the cost of feed as the most expensive component of the industry's operational costs. Furthermore, the State lacks local feed mills, thereby necessitating the importation of livestock feed. Your Committee finds that the Department of Agriculture is committed to reducing production costs for the livestock and aquaculture industries by reducing the cost of feed, and has initiated a feed development process regarding local feed ingredients. Your Committee also finds that this measure supports the Department of Agriculture's efforts to develop locally produced feed. Your Committee believes that this measure will strengthen Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency.


Your Committee requests the Department of Agriculture to provide the appropriation amounts necessary for the purposes of this measure, including the amounts of subsidies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Correcting a cross-reference in section 7 of the measure to clarify that the funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture's Livestock Revitalization Program that are not expended or encumbered by June 30, 2017, shall lapse as of that date; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1999, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1999, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

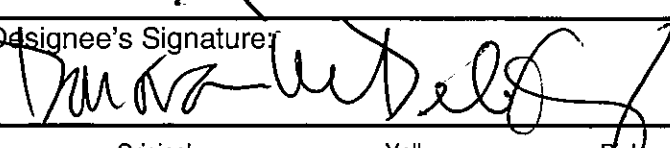


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1999, HD1, SD1	Committee Referral: WLA, WAM	Date: 3/31/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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