STAND. COM. REP. NO. 79 -16

Honolulu, Hawaii March 4, 2016 RE: H.B. No. 2546 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support certain agricultural practices by establishing an Agriculture Grant Program and a special fund for the Program to provide grants to qualifying farmers for:

- (1) Expanding farm operations and improving productivity;
- (2) Changing or adding crops;
- (3) Investing in food safety; and
- (4) Providing for workforce development.

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Ulupono Initiative, North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership, and an individual provided testimony in support of the measure. The Department of Agriculture and Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.



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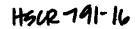
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

HB2546 HD1 HSCR FIN HMS 2016-2431

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

SYLVIA LUKE. Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB2546 HD1	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN		Date: 03/01/16	
The committee is reconsidering its prev	ious decision on the measure.	·		
	unamended (as is)	ss, with amendments (mmit for future public		
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	1			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. DeCOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				=
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
12. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
15. POUHA, Feki				
16. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (16)	< (b			
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral,				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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