

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2582  
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. 2582, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and implement the Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program within the Department of Agriculture to support the agricultural industry and assist farmers and ranchers who are subject to the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act, including by appropriating funds to the Department for the program and for four full-time equivalent program staff positions.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and a few individuals provided testimony in support of the measure. The Department of Agriculture provided 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. 2582, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



