STAND. COM. REP. NO. -16

Honolulu, Hawaii March 4, 2016 RE: H.B. No. 2657 H.D. 2

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. 2657, 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 financially assist farmers and ranchers on Molokai with the costs of complying with federal and state food safety laws by, among other things:

- (1) Expanding the Maui County Revolving Loan Program to include the provision of financial assistance to qualified applicants for costs incurred in complying with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and state food safety laws; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for the Maui Office of Economic Development to review and approve cost reimbursement applications.

A Councilmember of the Maui County Council; Hawaii Farm Bureau; and one concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

 Establishing a cost reimbursement program instead of a revolving loan program;



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- (2) Specifying that no cost reimbursement shall be allowed for costs that were incurred more than five years prior to the time the application for cost reimbursement is received by the County of Maui;
- (3) Removing the provision that allowed for payments, interest, and fees collected to be deposited into a revolving fund;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

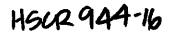
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 2.

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

LUKE, Chair SYLVIA



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2657 HD1	Committee Referral: AGR/EDB, FIN		Date: 03/01/16	
The committee is reconsidering its prev	ious decision on the measure.			
	unamended (as is) Pas	s, with amendments (nmit for future public		
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
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			·	
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TOTAL (16)	/6			
The recommendation is: Adopted Interval, Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _		_0		
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