

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

146

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 849

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 849 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect farmers' rights to farm and to promote lawful and proven agricultural activities that are consistent with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations by prohibiting county ordinances from abridging the rights of farmers and ranchers to employ agricultural practices that are not prohibited by federal or state laws, rules, or regulations.

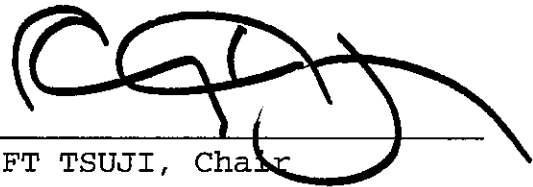
The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Maui County Farm Bureau; Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.; ILWU Local 142; Syngenta Hawaii; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Crop Improvement Association supported the intent of this bill. The member of the House of Representatives from District 50; the member of the Hawaii County Council from District 9; two members of the Kauai County Council; Three Roads Farm; Hawaii Farmers Union United; Haiku Aina Permaculture Initiative; Animal Rights Hawaii; apollo kauai, zero waste kauai; Puna Pono Alliance; CountryTalkStory.com; Animal Legal Defense Fund; Counter Culture Food + Ferments; Kihei Ice; Kilauea Neighborhood Association; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Ho'okipa Network-Kauai; Hawaii Sustainable Farms LLC; Waihuena Farm; The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and numerous concerned individuals opposed this bill.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 849 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB3849	Committee Referral: AGR, JUD	Date: 2/5/2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
6. ITO, Ken	/			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.			/	
8. KONG, Sam Satoru		✓		
9. OHNO, Takashi		✓		
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		/		
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani			/	
13. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (13)	8	3	2	
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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