

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

527

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 891

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. 891 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to financially assist qualified farmers through amendments to the Department of Agriculture's agricultural loan program to address farmers' current needs by:

- (1) Establishing a Biosecurity Project Loan Program to provide loans to farmers for biosecurity projects to protect the health of livestock, poultry, and humans from diseases, pests, and pathogens and measures that prevent disease causing agents from entering, spreading, or leaving the farm premises; and
- (2) Standardizing the Department's loan insurance, participation, and guaranty functions for all types of loans offered under its agricultural loan program.

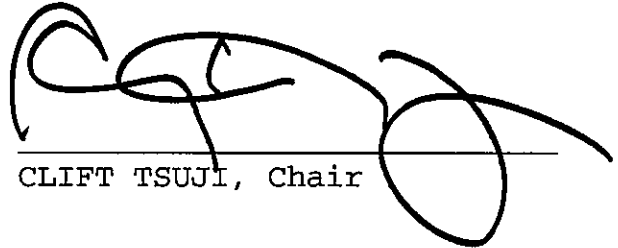
The Department of Agriculture and the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported this measure. Animal Rights Hawaii opposed this measure.

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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. 891 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



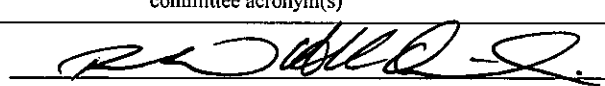
CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB991</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/19/2015</b>		
<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	/			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>13</b>			
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: <u></u>				
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