

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2016

RE: H.C.R. No. 203
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 Agriculture, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 203 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROMOTE THE EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMERCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to seek a way to allow enclosed country stores on agricultural land to provide farmers a venue to sell agricultural products grown on their land by requesting the Department of Agriculture to engage in consultation and discussions with government entities and stakeholders to enable farmers to construct enclosed country stores on lands zoned for agriculture.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the prohibition against constructing enclosed country stores on agriculture zoned lands should be addressed at the county level. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

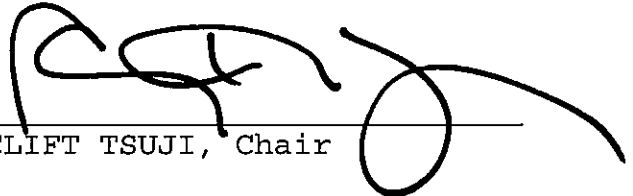
- (1) Requesting the Department of Agriculture to engage with the Mayors and planning departments of each county and the Hawaii Farm Bureau to facilitate the construction of enclosed country stores;



- (2) Giving the Department of Agriculture more flexibility by deleting language regarding the scope of discussion to facilitate the construction of enclosed country stores; and
- (3) Limiting the transmission of this measure to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, Mayors and directors of the planning department of each county, and the President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 203, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 203, H.D. 1.

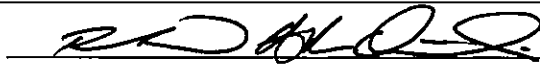
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 203	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 3-18-16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. DeCOITE, Lynn	/			
7. ITO, Ken	/			
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				/
9. KONG, Sam Satoru				/
10. OHNO, Takashi	/			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.				/
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
14. WARD, Gene				/
TOTAL (14)	9			5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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