

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2742

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2137
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2137, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate \$500,000 in general funds to the Department of Agriculture to support existing on-farm mentoring programs and for a pilot on-farm mentoring program in the County of Maui to provide mentoring on a whole farm system approach to agriculture.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the whole farm system emphasizes soil health, water economy, and limited damage from pests and weeds. Your Committee believes that the promotion of a whole farm system approach to agriculture can improve Hawaii's food security and local economy by reducing production costs and promoting locally sourced inputs.

Your Committee finds that this measure will improve the capacity of new and existing farms to succeed in their endeavors.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation from \$500,000 to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2137, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2137, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

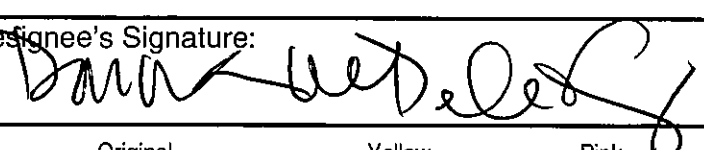


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2137, SD1	Committee Referral: WLA, WAM	Date: 3/1/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes