

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2348

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2967

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2967 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY FOOD FORESTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a community food forest program and to make an appropriation for this program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Center for Food Safety, and thirty-eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

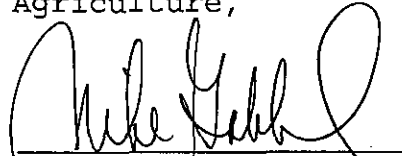
The concept of community food forests is to identify public lands, particularly those near community gathering places such as parks and community centers, that may be suitable for edible landscaping or growing edible plants. Your Committee finds that the State should be exploring community food forests as a food source alternative given the State's need for greater sustainability. Community and urban gardens may provide additional sources of low- or no-cost food to residents, while also utilizing developed land for community sustainability purposes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of



S.B. No. 2967 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land, and  
Agriculture,



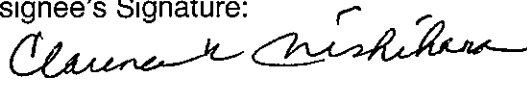
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture**  
**WLA**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2967</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WLA, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/10/16</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
SLOM, Sam				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>6</i>			<i>3</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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