

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **265**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2015

RE: S.B. No. 314

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Higher Education and the Arts and
Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 314 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION
SERVICE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
monies for critical staff positions in the University of Hawaii
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative
Extension Service.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawaii System;
Kauai County Council; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Farmers Union
United; Kauai Chamber of Commerce; Kauai County Farm Bureau; Kauai
Kunana Dairy; Hawaii Island School Garden Network; Maui
Cattlemen's Association; Laakea Community LLC; 'Ai Pohaku; DuPont
Pioneer; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Hawaii
Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; and thirty-five individuals.

Your Committees find that the University of Hawaii College of
Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is in critical need of
personnel for its cooperative extension service to improve and
strengthen Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture through
educational programs. The College houses a cooperative extension
service that partners with federal, state, and county governments,
with the responsibility to provide science-based information and
education programs in agriculture, natural resources, and human
resources.

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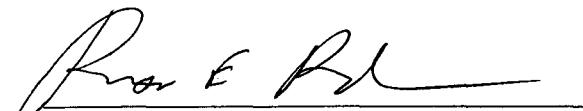


The extension offices are located throughout the State, with roughly twenty-five extension agents statewide. The cooperative extension service provides valuable tools that the public can use to strengthen communities and sustain Hawaii's agricultural economy. Extension personnel provide various services to the communities within each county, ranging from individual consultations, educational workshops, and short courses on relevant subjects, including agriculture, home economics, family living, 4-H and other youth activities, nutrition, and health.

Your Committees further find that over the past twenty years the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service has experienced a forty-three percent decrease in extension agents who service the various counties, including a twenty-seven percent decrease since 2008. The College requires an infusion of personnel and support to maintain a viable academic program and strong infrastructure for the University System.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and the Arts and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 314 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and the Arts and Agriculture,



RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair




BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



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The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation:				
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 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
THIELEN, Laura H.				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4	-	-	3

Recommendation:
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