

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 320

S.D. 1

H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 320, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow composting operations on agricultural district lands; provided that:

- (1) A county special use permit is granted for the composting operation; and
- (2) On land with soil classified as class A or B by the Land Study Bureau's detailed land classification, the composting operation is limited to on-site use and occupies not more than one acre or ten percent of the parcel, whichever is less.

Maui EKOcompost Systems, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Zero Waste Kauai, and two concerned individuals supported this measure. The Hawaii County Council District 9 member opposed this measure. The Department of Agriculture provided comments.

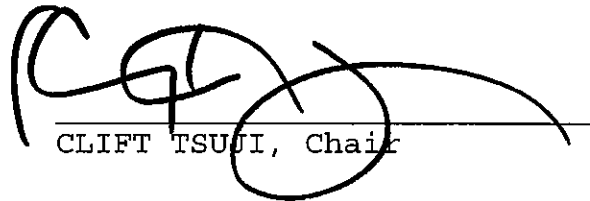


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 20, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 320, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 320, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

HSCR 1006

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 320, SD 1	Committee Referral: AGR, EEP	Date: 03/19/2015		
<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 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. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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