

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3196

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 130

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.C.R. No. 130 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BONA FIDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER TASK FORCE TO CREATE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "BONA FIDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER", "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the establishment of a Bona Fide Agricultural Producer Task Force to create a definition for the term "bona fide agricultural producer".

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Ulupono Initiative; Local Food Coalition; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; PonoHolo Ranch; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that there is no definition for "bona fide agricultural producer" in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, which has led to disagreement among policy makers and stakeholders when crafting legislation and incentives to benefit farmers. Creating a single definition or multiple definitions of "bona fide agricultural producer" may require careful and substantial amendments to the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Creating a single definition will likely require the development of standards and criteria to define what constitutes a qualifying level of performance or achievement for each category of agricultural

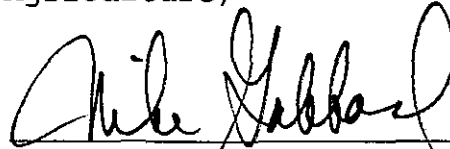


producer and may need to be broad so as not to inadvertently exclude certain farmers.

Your Committee further finds that the Task Force needs to be mindful that if the counties are also required to use the definition or definitions in their respective zoning ordinances, complex and multiple definitions may be difficult to administer.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 130 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR130	Committee Referral: WLA, WAM	Date: 3-28-16		
<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 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				/
TOTAL	5			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>				
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