

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1544
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1544 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to add increasing the production of food intended for human consumption that is produced and sold in the State to the list of acts that the Department of Agriculture (DOA) must undertake as part of its statutorily-established responsibility of administering a program of agricultural planning and development.

Hawaii Farmers Union United; We Are One, Inc.; The Maritime Group, LLC, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. DOA commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 31, 2150, to facilitate further discussion on this measure.

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 H.B. No. 1544, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1544, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



