STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3

, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 453 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 453, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to

- (1) Establish a grant program to provide grants to farmers to assist them in paying for the costs of compliance with the Federal Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act, federal regulations, and state food safety laws;
- (2) Establish the Food Safety Certification Costs Grant Program Special Fund to provide the required grants; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Grant Program.

Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Ulupono Initiative, and Maui Chamber of Commerce supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture and Department of Budget and Finance offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your

Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 453, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.:  HB 453, HD 1	Committee Referral:	Date:	2-24-2	2017
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☐ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold ☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CHOY, Isaac W.				
5. DeCOITE, Lynn				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
7. HOLT, Daniel				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand			:	
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
12. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane			· .	
14. QUINLAN, Sean				
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				
17. WARD, Gene				i i
TOTAL (17)	16	0	Ø	
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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