

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1572

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2017

RE: H.B. No. 453
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 453, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and fund a grant program to assist farmers and ranchers in paying for costs of complying with various food safety laws and regulations.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that local farmers and ranchers are crucial to the State's economy and the pursuit of food security. These farmers and ranchers must comply with a variety of food safety laws and regulations in order to sell their products. Your Committee further finds that the costs associated with food safety law and regulation compliance can be significant and can make it difficult for a small farmer or rancher to stay in business. Your Committee believes that assisting farmers and ranchers in complying with food safety laws and regulations assists the State's economy and the pursuit of food security.



Should a Committee on Conference decide to convene on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider providing an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to adequately fund the grant program established by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 453, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

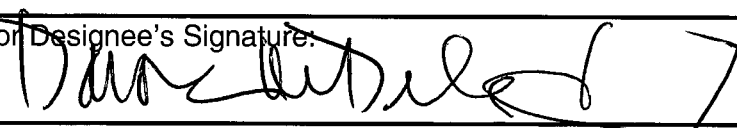


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 453, HD1, SD1	AEN, WAM	3/28/17		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				/
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	6			5
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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