

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 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 Agriculture and Environment, 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 and intent of this measure is to establish in the Department of Agriculture the food safety certification costs grant program to assist farmers and ranchers in meeting the costs of compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, Food and Drug Administration regulations, and state food safety laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association; Hawaii Farmers and Ranchers United; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; and twenty-three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the purpose of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act is to ensure that the United States food supply is safe by shifting the focus from responding to contamination to preventing it. Your Committee also finds that it may be difficult and costly for farmers and ranchers in the State to comply with



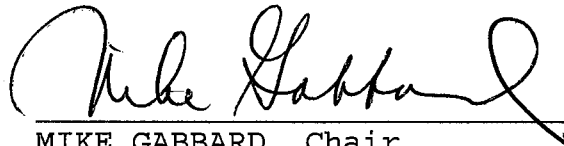
the requirements of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and other federal and state food safety regulations. Your Committee believes that this measure will support Hawaii's agricultural industry by assisting farmers and ranchers with compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, Food and Drug Administration regulations, and state food safety laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective on July 1, 2017.

Your Committee recommends that if your Committee on Ways and Means chooses to pass this measure, that it consider inserting an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000 for implementation of the food safety certification costs grant program and related administrative costs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 453, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 453, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB453, HD1	AEN, WAM	3/15/17		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"></div>				
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