

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1530

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2017

RE: H.B. No. 480
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. 480, 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 promote the growth of the agriculture industry and foster agricultural learning opportunities on the island of Hawaii.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Community College and University of Hawaii at Hilo, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and the Agribusiness Development Corporation, to study existing agriculture program areas for possible collaborative efforts between the two campuses and new agriculture opportunities on the island of Hawaii, and develop a holistic approach to the growth of agriculture and agricultural learning opportunities on the island of Hawaii; and
- (2) Requires the Hawaii Community College to submit a report to the Legislature before the 2018 legislative session.




Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness Development Corporation, University of Hawaii, Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the island of Hawaii has the potential to be a strong agricultural contributor to the State, given its nutrient rich soil, tropical climate, and abundance of affordable land. Your Committee recognizes that investing more fully in the existing agricultural learning opportunities provided by the Hawaii Community College and University of Hawaii at Hilo, while also developing new educational opportunities, will help to strengthen the State's agricultural industry.

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. 480, 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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WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 480, HD1, SD1	Committee Referral: HRE, WAM	Date: 4/4/17		
<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	11			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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