

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2017

RE: H.B. No. 775
H.D. 2

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. 775, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the requirements that the Department of Agriculture (Department) grant permission prior to the removal of eggs from any dock or landing and certify that eggs contained in a shipment are properly marked;
- (2) Require importation and other documents to be furnished to the Department before imported eggs are offered for sale; and
- (3) Provide that a violation of section 147-75, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to required notice of grade and size and designation of origin of imported eggs, shall be considered an unfair method of competition and unfair and deceptive act or practice for which a person may bring an action.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Eggs Hawaii, Inc.



Your Committee finds that to ensure quality, condition, and proper designation of origin, eggs imported into the State from the mainland United States are USDA certified, which requires distributors and mainland egg suppliers to submit the appropriate paperwork and certificates to the Department for all incoming mainland eggs. Requiring the Department to issue certificates before mainland eggs can be removed from any dock or landing is therefore redundant and a misallocation of limited resources. Your Committee finds that this measure will increase the efficiency of the Department without negatively impacting the Department's authority and ability to enforce mislabeled or unmarked imported eggs as to origin.

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. 775, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

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
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HB 775, HD2	AEN, CPH	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 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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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