

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1257

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 S.B. No. 1257 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIVESTOCK HARVEST FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the planning and design of scalable livestock harvest facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Maui Cattlemen's Association, Inc.; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Island School Garden Network; Hawaii Cattle Producers Cooperative Association; Maui Cattle Company, LLC; Ulupalakua Ranch, Inc.; Parker Ranch, Inc.; Paniolo Cattle Company LLC; Palani Ranch Company, Inc.; Small Kine Farm; McCandless Ranch; PRL English, LLC; and eleven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the cattle industry in Hawaii has a long-standing history and has seen numerous changes in production practices, requiring adaptations to market conditions. Recently, there has been a resurgence in the number of cattle that remain in Hawaii for local consumption, giving rise to challenges for many facilities that are not equipped to handle the increased numbers of cattle. Your Committee finds that these facilities were built for a set throughput of livestock, which makes it difficult to



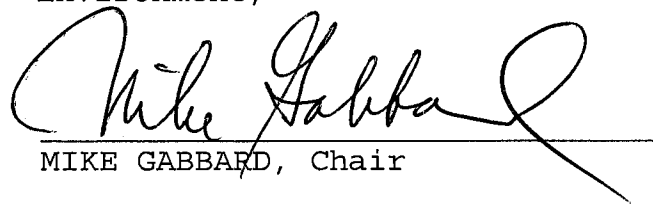
effectively adapt to changing industry conditions, and therefore your Committee understands that funding is needed to provide plans for new livestock harvest facilities. However, your Committee has concerns regarding the ultimate sustainability of the livestock industry in light of the continued requests for subsidies over recent years. Your Committee believes that funds may be better used to support other areas of agriculture to reach the State's goals regarding sustainability and increased local food production.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 1257, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1257, 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
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB1257	AEN, WAM	2/13/17		
<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			
TOTAL	3	1	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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