

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 141

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2017

RE: S.B. No. 355

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 355 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an appropriation for the sustainable and organic agriculture program administered by the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Farmers Union United; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; EcoTipping Points Project; Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea; Farm Lovers Farmers Markets; Kahuku Farms, Inc.; Kakalina Farms LLC; and thirty-three individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

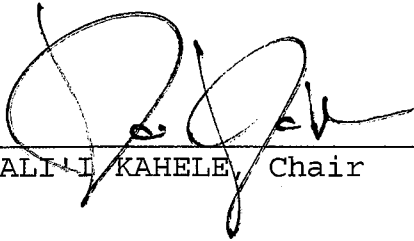
Your Committees find that across the State farmers are experimenting with different ways of producing agricultural products that are sustainable and beneficial to the social, economic, and environmental well-being of farm families and rural communities. Your Committees further find that the sustainable and organic agriculture program at the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is committed to increasing awareness and adoption of sustainable and organic practices across the State while addressing the challenges of



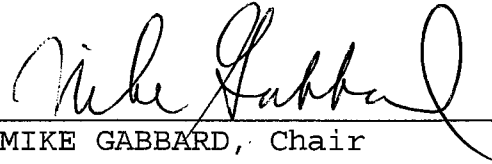
creating more profitable farm incomes, environmental stewardship, and stable and prosperous farm communities. Your Committees find that supporting the growth of the sustainable and organic agriculture program will strengthen the organic industry in Hawaii and reduce the volume of imported organic products and invasive species that may be found on imported organic produce.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 355 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Higher
Education,



KAIALII KAHELE, Chair




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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<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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 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	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

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