

Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1883
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1883, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year Agricultural Theft and Vandalism Pilot Project within the Department of Agriculture to examine and assess the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural theft and vandalism cases in the County of Hawaii, and appropriate funds for this purpose.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and Ulupono Initiative testified in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture provided comments on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1883, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



