

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1884
H.D. 1

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. 1884, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

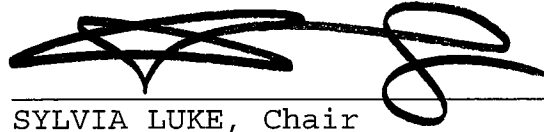
The purpose of this measure is to include subsistence farming in the definition of farming operations in the Hawaii Right to Farm Act, and clarify that activities related to cultivation of crops, game, fish and livestock for economic or personal use are activities used to classify land as an agricultural district.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, Haiku Aina Permaculture Initiative, Hawaii Farmers Union United, One Island Sustainable Living, Same Canoe Local Food Project, and many concerned individuals supported this measure. The Office of Planning, Land Use Commission, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and a concerned individual opposed this measure. The Department of Agriculture and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

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. 1884, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



