

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1960  
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. 1960, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to continue to diversify Hawaii's economy through the promotion of Hawaii's aquaculture industry by appropriating funds for the planning of, and participation of Hawaii's aquaculture industry in, the World Aquaculture Society's Aquaculture America 2020 Conference to be held in Honolulu.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, Marine Genetics, Aquaculture Planning and Advocacy LLC, Blue Ocean Mariculture, Fresh Island Fish Co Inc., Los Angeles Organic Farm LLC, Ulupono Initiative, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Cyanotech Corporation, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture; Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; and Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount from \$300,000 to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1960, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1960, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



