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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1968

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. 1968, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the budgetary shortfalls experienced by the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) Cooperative Extension Service by:

- (1) Appropriating funds to CTAHR for four full-time equivalent ornamental plant extension agents; and
- (2) Requiring CTAHR to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2019 Regular Session on the status of the ornamental plant extension agent positions and the reasons behind any vacancies.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Tropical Flower Council, Orchid Growers of Hawaii, Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii, Performance Landscapes, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Maui County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources 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. 1968, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

CVIVIA LIME Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	0110	2
HB 1968, HDI	HEDIFIN		2/22/2	2018
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold				
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. DeCOITE, Lynn				
5. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
7. HOLT, Daniel				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
11. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				
12. TODD, Chris			*******	
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
14. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.		·		
15. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (15)	14	Ø	Ø	
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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