

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 Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Tropical Flower Council, Orchid Growers of Hawai'i, 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,



SYLVIA LURE, Chair



